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» Inos, lawmakers, CUC: Violations caused by contractor, not CNMI

Gov. Eloy S. Inos made clear to lawmakers yesterday afternoon his administration's plan to oppose the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's request for the federal court to appoint a receiver to implement some of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s projects, among other things.

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Jurors begin deliberations in Roberto case

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The fate of 41-year-old Raymond B. Roberto is now in the hands of 12 jurors that began deliberating yesterday afternoon in federal court. With no verdict yet, the jurors will resume their deliberation this morning, Tuesday.

In the U.S. government's closing arguments that lasted an hour, Assistant U.S. Attorney Rami S. Badawy did a PowerPoint presentation on the evidence that support the charges of three counts of enticing three minors to engage in prostitution and one count of witness tampering.

Badawy said he is confident that when the jurors use common sense,

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Igisomar is GOP's bet for special election

» Glenna SP Reyes comes extremely close to getting top spot

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Igisomar

Commerce Secretary and Lottery Commission chair Sixto Kaipat Igisomar bested three other individuals last night to become the Republican Party's official candidate for a Nov. 4 special election for a Saipan senatorial seat. The special election will fill a Senate seat vacated by now independent lieutenant governor bet Ray N. Yumul.

"I am humbled and honored to be selected to represent the GOP," Igisomar told *Saipan Tribune* last night when the results of the voting were known.

This is Igisomar's first time to run in an election.

Igisomar got the highest vote among three other contenders: former Legislative Bureau director Glenna SP Reyes,

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US forces sink former USS *Fresno*

PACIFIC OCEAN—Ships and aircraft sank the decommissioned former USS *Fresno* at 3:15pm yesterday in waters 18,000 feet deep, 215 nautical miles northeast of Guam as part of the exercise Valiant Shield 2014.

The participating sinking exercise units included the U.S. Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, each of whom were able to gain proficiency in tactics, targeting, and live firing against a surface target at sea.

"This exercise provided an important opportunity for realistic at-sea training with live ordnance, in conditions that could not be duplicated otherwise," said U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Russell Allen, the U.S. Pacific Fleet Valiant Shield exercise lead. "This particular event enhanced our collective combat readi-

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The Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS *Mustin* fires two SM-2 missiles during Valiant Shield 2014. Air and sea units from the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force participated in the sinking exercise of the former USS *Fresno*.

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Inos moves budget signing to today

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos has moved to 1:30pm today his signing of the fiscal year 2015 budget bill, along with two revenue-generating bills. One increases the cigarette tax initially by 75 cents and another $1 increase after three years, while the other bill provides tax amnesty.

The governor's signing of these bills was originally scheduled for yesterday but had to be pushed back over other meetings and further review of the bills.

Once Inos signs the 2015 spending package bill, this would be a record-early in CNMI history. It is still two weeks before the Sept. 30 deadline and the beginning of a new fiscal year on Oct. 1.

The 2015 budget is $134.33 million, but officials are expecting a supplemental budget in the middle of the year.

Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), author of the 2015 budget bill and House Ways and Means Committee chairman, said yesterday he looks forward to the budget's enactment into law, as well as the signing of his tax amnesty bill.

Sablan said as far as he knows, the governor won't line-item veto the budget provisions on education funding, which the House and Senate increased. Sablan met with the governor last week and yesterday about the budget bill and other matters.

The cigarette tax bill, authored by House floor leader Ralph Demapan (R-Saipan), meanwhile, would gradually increase cigarette tax by a total of $1.75 a pack over a four-year period. This means a 75-cent increase immediately after the bill becomes law and another $1 increase after three years.

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"We thank Delta Air Lines for their generous donation. The lucky winners of these tickets will also receive a Delta Air Lines logo item and memorabilia," the Chamber said.

The annual golf tournament will be held on Oct. 11 at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort with a two-person scramble format, going on separate courses.

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CHCC now awaiting CMS decision on recertification

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is now awaiting a decision whether it will be recertified or not by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

A three-person survey team, after nearly a week of inspections at the Commonwealth Health Center, left after giving the hospital its notice and findings in an exit conference that lasted 30 minutes Friday afternoon.

The CMS team started its resurvey on Monday. They looked at medical records, medical staff files, and several areas of the hospital that included the pharmacy, laboratory, and operating room.

According to CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña, the CMS team took notice of the hospital's Quality and Assurance and Performance Improvement and Discharge Planning process.

» Repairs and maintenance an issue, several findings corrected

Muña said the Quality and Assurance and Performance Improvement were barely looked at during the last survey and the discharge planning process was not included in the last survey as well.

"We expect something before the end of the month, but of course, it depends on the workload they have and if there are any other inspections they are working on," she said.

In an earlier interview, hospital administrator Jesse Tudela said the hospital was also praised for its corrective actions in the family care area, in which CMS was satisfied with.

One structural area that the hospital is still working on is the heat, ventilation, and air-conditioning system or HVAC.

Muña said that prior to the latest inspection a new fire pump was installed.

She also said that CMS was notified of the hospital's lack of a chief financial officer.

"The interview with the acting CFO went very well," she said. The hospital's acting CFO is Cora Ada.

Tudela said that CMS is doing the resurvey in line with the hospital's application to have its Condition of Participation with Medicare and Medicaid programs recertified.

CMS put off its decision on CHCC's recertification in mid-January this year and again on June 27 due to lingering concerns. A letter to Muña dated June 25 gave CHCC another five months to correct issues previously cited by CMS.

In the June 25 letter to Muña, CMS gave CHCC more time to demonstrate capacity and commitment to achieve and sustain compliance with all Conditions of Participation, in consideration of the extent of the deficiencies, complexity of making fundamental, systemic changes, and in recognition of the importance of maintaining access to hospital services for CNMI residents.

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4 named to scholarship board

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos appointed four individuals to serve as initial members of the scholarship board of directors, some six months after he signed into law a bill establishing a new scholarship office as an autonomous agency rather than under the governor's office.

Their appointments, pursuant to Public Law 18-40, require the Senate's advice and consent.

Inos' appointees representing Saipan include Dr. Alfred B. Ada, Jacqueline Che, and Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong, while representing Tinian is Chellette San Nicolas.

The scholarship board of directors reviews applications for student grants, student loans, and other student financial assistance programs that the CNMI Scholarship Office administers.

Inos appointed Ada yesterday, while Che, Ogumoro, and San Nicolas were appointed Friday.

Ada is currently the Public School System's Career and Technical Education Program manager and a former principal of Kagman High School and William S. Reyes Elementary School.

Che is with Northern Marianas College, while the two others are also educators. Ogumoro-Uludong and Che were among those asked to resign from the CNMI scholarship board last year when it was still under the governor's office.

The new appointment is a four-year term. But because the terms of the "initial" members are staggered when the board is established, the term of each member will be determined by the drawing of lots.

Therefore, if confirmed, each of the four appointees will serve either a term of three or four years.

Inos, in four separate letters to Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), said he's confident that the appointees will devote their time and efforts on the important board.

Because the Senate has just received the governor's appointees, a public hearing on their nominations have yet to be scheduled by the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigations.

MHS would like 4 to 5 more teachers

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With this year's increase of about 100 students, Marianas High School needs about four or five teachers to reduce the current student-teacher ratio of 34:1 to a "comfortable" level, according to MHS principal Sherlyn Cabrera.

"Class sizes are larger than we like," she said. "We want our students to have the best learning experience and not overstress our teachers… so we're trying to even out those numbers."

In the meantime, she said the school has been using substitute teachers to "fill some of the gaps."

"Some of [the substitute teachers] are working on their certification papers so they can become full-fledged classroom teachers," Cabrera said, noting that it is their goal to have all teachers certified.

The four to five teachers, according to Cabrera, are needed for subjects like language arts, math, and science.

"Those [subjects] are the probably the big ones," she said.

MHS currently has 46 teachers for its population of 1,560 students, according to Cabrera. Last year's population was around 1,450 students.

"The student population is significantly larger than last year," she said.

According to her, the school actually started the school year with 1,600 students but that number decreased, as for whatever reason, students left for other schools.

PSS reported last month that classroom teacher-student ratios continue to increase. By the end of school year 2012-2013, the ratio sat at 36:1, an all-time high.

MHS' ratio of 34:1 is above the Board of Education's policy of 25:1.

Based PSS data, the last time the ratio was met among all schools was in school year 2011-2012, at 24:1.

To meet this number, about 200 teachers would be needed for the system, with about $7.6 million more needed in local appropriations to fund this increase, according to Tim Thornburg, PSS federal programs officer, earlier this month.

Some $28.8 million of their locally appropriated budget of $32 million for fiscal year 2014 goes to wages and salaries, according to PSS, while the remaining funds are spent for utility costs and facility operation and maintenance.

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Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board trustee Roy Rios, and Steven Sablan.

Ivan Blanco, chairman of the GOP Central Committee's public relations team, said last night that there were 24 votes cast, adding that it was an "extremely close vote."

Blanco, in a separate statement, said each of the four individuals was allotted five minutes to "express their desire to serve the people of the CNMI as senator under the GOP banner." They were joined by family members and supporters.

Each of the 24 GOP Central Committee members was given a ballot for the selection process. The four candidates were present to witness the voting.

"After all 24 ballots were counted and verified, [GOP] president James Ada announced the selection of Mr. Igisomar, with Mrs. Glenna Sakisat Palacios Reyes coming in second after an extremely close voting result," Blanco said.

GOP president Ada said it was a "difficult process" for all the voting members of the central committee "because all four candidates possess the caliber, experience, and passion to represent the people of the CNMI under the GOP banner."

"If there were two seats for the special election, the GOP would have gladly selected both Glenna and Sixto as they came out with highest votes. Tonight, through the voting selection process, the GOP central committee members have selected Mr. Igisomar. We appreciate the support from the individual family members and friends present this evening," Ada said in a statement last night.

Ada said he would especially like to thank Glenna SP Reyes for her participation in this process.

"The Senate is losing a great member with the retirement of her husband, Sen. Pete P. Reyes, but the party is hopeful that Glenna will be back in 2016," Ada added.

Reyes authored the bill that became law, prohibiting individuals from running for more than one election, be it a general, special or local race. The bill also essentially prohibited those who were already certified to run for two vacant Saipan Senate seats in the Nov. 4 general elections from also running in the November special election for a third Saipan Senate seat.

Igisomar is among Gov. Eloy S. Inos' Cabinet members seeking an elected post this November.

Others include Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold I. Palacios, who is seeking a Saipan senatorial seat, and press secretary Angel Demapan, seeking a House of Representatives seat representing Precinct 1.

Robert A. Guerrero, executive director of the Commonwealth Election Commission, said that as of yesterday, no individual has so far filed a petition and candidacy for the special election.

The deadline for filing candidacy for the special election is Sept. 18, Thursday.

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ness and allowed us to improve our interoperability by working together to achieve specific training objectives."

Former Navy vessels used in sinking exercises are prepared in strict compliance with regulations prescribed and enforced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, including the requirements that the event be conducted in waters a minimum of 1,000 fathoms (6,000 feet) deep and 50 nautical miles from land and that the area be confirmed clear of any marine mammals that might be harmed during the exercise.

"The [sinking exercise] is conducted on the front end of Valiant Shield mostly so we can safely dispose of the hulk involved," said Rear Adm. Mark Montgomery, commander, Battle Force 7th Fleet. "It allows us to test both systems and tactics, techniques and procedures we developed for the employment of those systems in a live-fire environment. It's a mixture of Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps weapons systems from surface ship, fixed-wing, and rotary-based platforms. It provides an excellent opportunity for all three services and all the elements of the carrier strike group to work jointly to flex their firing chains and demonstrate their ability to release weapons accurately, safely, and in an efficient manner."

USS *Fresno* was the fourth ship in the Newport class of tank landing ships and was named for the city and county in California. The ship was assigned to the Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet, and homeported in San Diego. *Fresno* participated in amphibious training operations along the West Coast of the United States and several deployments to the Western Pacific. *Fresno* saw extensive service during the latter stages of the Vietnam War, and earned two engagement stars for service.

Valiant Shield is sponsored by U.S. Pacific Command. It is a U.S.-only, field training exercise that focuses on detecting, locating, tracking and engaging units at sea, in the air, on land, and in cyberspace in response to a range of operational scenarios. Lessons learned can then be used to sustain and improve upon options to defend U.S. interests and those of its allies and partners. ***(Andersen Air Force Base)***

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Lawmakers backed the governor's position during a closed-door meeting that was also joined by CUC executive director Alan Fletcher on Capital Hill.

EPA had also asked the court to find CUC in breach of stipulated court order and in contempt—something that the CNMI government also opposes.

House Ways and Means Committee chair Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) and House Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee chair Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) agreed with the governor that the delays in the completion of court-ordered projects for CUC were the fault of CUC contractors "and not CUC or the CNMI government."

"The government is going to oppose EPA's petition for CUC receivership," Sablan said after emerging from the meeting with the governor.

Sablan said the government wants to avoid receivership, which could eventually raise further the utility rates for CUC customers.

The Ways and Means chairman said "funding is not an issue" regarding the petition for receivership.

"The pipeline and tank projects are funded by federal grants and funding is still there," Sablan said. Besides, there's also a contractor bond, he added.

He said the CNMI government believes the leftover funding and contractor bond will more than suffice to complete the delayed CUC projects.

"We hope the court will agree with us, not to move ahead with receivership," Sablan added.

EPA is not seeking the appointment of a receiver for CUC generally—at least for now—but someone who will take charge of implementing the court's stipulated order No. 2.

Stipulated Order No. 2 focuses on oil issues such as repairing and replacing infrastructure, managing tanks and pipelines, as well as spill prevention and response.

House PUTC's Deleon Guerrero, for his part, said the CNMI government believes there's enough grounds to reject a motion to place some CUC projects under receivership.

"It's not really our fault that the project has been delayed. It's the lack of action by CUC's contractor," Deleon Guerrero said. Like Sablan, Deleon Guerrero said grant money for the projects is intact and there's bond money by the contractors.

Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), who was also at the meeting with the governor, said he, too, opposes placing certain CUC programs under receivership "because it will hurt all of us in the end as far as ratepayers are concerned."

He said he attended the meeting with the governor to listen to the administration's plans, "put politics aside and do what it takes to correct stipulated orders for the tank and pipeline [projects]."

"When a receivership happens, we have to put funding upfront and that's funding we don't have. So as a member of the Legislature, we need to come together and work with the administration," Yumul added.

Funding for CUC

While funding for these CUC projects is not the major issue, lawmakers acknowledged that the government and its agencies need to pay their unpaid utility bills to CUC.

That will ensure CUC properly maintains and operates its facilities and equipment and provide much better and reliable services.

Currently, the Public School System, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., the central government, and other agencies owe CUC over $20 million in unpaid utility bills. This is in addition to millions of dollars that residential users also owe CUC.

Sablan said the Inos administration is asking the U.S. Department of the Interior's approval in funneling capital improvement project, or CIP, money to CUC.

He said that is a "strong indication" that the government is helping to fund CUC.

Deleon Guerrero, for his part, said among the governor's suggestions is to apply for a "loan" from the Marianas Public Land Trust "to pay off a bit of PSS, CHCC debts" to CUC.

"And I support him on that," the PUTC Committee chair added.

As to other lawmakers' suggestion that the administration request Saipan casino developer Best Sunshine International Ltd. to use $10 million in utility vouchers instead to help fund CUC, Deleon Guerrero said the governor didn't want to dwell on this as Best Sunshine is currently dealing with land issues.

Also at the meeting was Rep. Mario Taitano (Ind-Saipan).

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) also earlier suggested tapping the next $15 million annual casino license fee to fund CUC.

JURORS

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follow the law, and look at the evidence, the only verdict is that Roberto is guilty of all counts.

In Roberto's closing arguments that lasted three hours, Guam lawyer David J. Lujan said that reviewing the evidence and the testimony of the three alleged minor victims, including one who served as the leader of the three, will lead the jurors to come up with only one verdict—not guilty.

Lujan said this case is all about one girl because the two other girls are just supporting casts. He pointed to alleged inconsistencies in the statements given by the three girls to police officers and FBI special agents during several interviews.

The defense lawyer also cited separate extortion letters written by two of the girls, demanding $400 each from Roberto.

Lujan asked if it is coincidence that the FBI interviewed one of the girls on Aug. 8, 2013, on the same day the extortion letters were given to Roberto.

Lujan said the U.S. government presented only one witness in the witness tampering count—the girlfriend of Randy Igisomar.

Lujan said Igisomar, an inmate, testified that the allegations that Roberto asked Igisomar's then-girlfriend to get rid of her cell phone SIM card was all a lie—as it was her plan. Lujan said Igisomar's then-girlfriend's credibility is suspect as she is a drug addict and was then serving 120 days of prison term and was released from jail early.

The lawyer said the leader of the girls had the motive to lie because she believes it was Roberto who broke her parents' marriage and caused her mother to become a drug addict.

Lujan cited an FBI interview on Aug. 12, 2013, with the second girl tagged as "Shy Girl," where she stated that she never spoke to Roberto and doesn't know how he looks like.

Lujan said the leader of the girls is a strong person, capable of making a story "cooked at the barbecue."

He said the "leader" changed her first story about running away from home and having sex for the first time with Roberto on March 12, 2013, because the FBI advised her that it cannot be true. At that time, Lujan said, Roberto was in American Samoa giving opening remarks at a conference. The girl then changed the date of her story to April 10, 2013, he said.

Lujan said the girl stated that she first had sex with Roberto at Parville Motel in Gualo Rai on April 10, 2013.

"But the problem is, there's no Parkville receipt for April 10, 2013. Ask Badawy, let's see if he comes up with explanation. You said April 12 when [the girl] said 10," Lujan said.

Lujan said the girls' stories changed as the days went by.

As to who owns cell phone number 789-3443, Lujan said that is an important question because the girl stated it belongs to Roberto, yet Richard S. Benavente testified it's his number after the two girls gave the SIM card to him. Lujan urged the jurors to ask Badawy why 789-3443 went totally silent on July 19, 2013, which is the date when police arrested Benavente.

As for the threesome alleged by the three girls, Lujan said there is no receipt from Parkville Motel that charged Roberto with an additional payment as the motel owner would charge $10 for an additional person.

"Do you think you can cheat a Korean?" Lujan asked.

In the U.S. government's rebuttal, Badawy said the girl got mixed up about the dates when she first had sex with Roberto because she was high on "ice" at the time.

Badawy said they have text messages and Parkville Motel receipts that corroborate the girl's testimony. He said the text messages between the two girls and Roberto are all submitted as evidence.

Badawy said the first girl never recanted her testimony that she had sex with Roberto many times, her statements were never contradictory. "She was very straightforward. You observed her demeanor," he said.

Badawy said it is just natural for a girl not to tell everything on the first interview out of fear, out of shame. "It's not easy for a girl to talk about sex all for money. That's common sense," he said.

Badawy said there is no grand conspiracy against Roberto. "There's no conspiracy, no agreement to set up somebody," he said.

Badawy said the testimony of "Shy Girl" was consistent that she had oral sex and sexual intercourse the next time with Roberto. The third girl's testimony, he said, was also consistent that she had sex with Roberto in the motel and that she got paid $100.

Badawy questioned the credibility of defense witness Benavente, saying his story that he owns 789-3443 after the two girls gave him SIM card is absurd. He said Benavente's story is "absurd, ridiculous, and totally incredible."

Badawy said Benavente was doing this because he wanted to throw his original attorney to show ineffective legal assistance in his case and to discredit a U.S. government lawyer for prosecutorial misconduct.

Badawy said Igisomar, a convicted murderer, also has no credibility as he admitted to lying under oath before a grand jury.

Badawy said Igisomar's story is that Roberto only asked him to contact his girlfriend's sister in Guam to communicate with his Guam lawyer and investigators.

"That's story is ridiculous and doesn't make sense," he said.

Badawy said Igisomar's then-girlfriend was telling the truth and she's credible. She testified to having sex with Roberto many times in exchange for drugs and money.

Badawy said the witness even talked about humiliating details about her sexual relationship with Roberto.

When the witness testified, he added, she was already out in jail and so there's nothing for her to gain.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona is presiding over the case.

Distance education cited for accelerating graduates

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A total of 281 Marianas High School students are expected to take part in the Public School System's Distance Education program, which MHS principal Sherlyn Cabrera credits for their all-time high number of 301 graduates last year.

"Some of our students, they want to advance themselves, they want to graduate early, challenge themselves so that's why they took [the classes]," she said.

She said there were around 200-plus seniors, with the rest being juniors for next year's graduating class.

It was reported earlier that the 301 graduating students were an MHS all-time high.

Cabrera said response has been "good" for the last several of Distance Education, which was implemented in school year 2010-2011 and provides as much as 49 online courses.

PSS was expected to have 45 eTeachers for its 1,500 students in the program for this school year, according to a statement this summer.

Usually students participating in the program have both "ground" classes, with face-to-face time with instructors, and online courses, according to Cabrera.

"It forces them to take charge of their learning and be independent learners," she said of the program.

She related it to her experience as a graduate student, where even one online class was challenging.

"I just admire our students who were able to do it, [because] the rigor is there, the demand is there, and so they are really learning some really good skills," she said.

While there is something "about the face-to-face" connection between teacher and student, she said the Distance Education program comes as another option for students as well as a system that lacks teachers.

"We have some students who are really sick, who can't come to school, but they have access to Internet, and can continue their education," she said, adding that some are also parents who are not able to find a babysitter for their children.

"For those kind of reasons, I think it's a great option," she said.

Not every student can avail of the program, however. Students in the program must be first recommended by their respective counselors.

"Sometimes [students] think they can just go to a computer shop in the village and do it once a week [but] they have to make sure they have the Internet support at home, from their parents, and that they as a student are able to do this, so if students are not very strong in their academics then they're not recommended," she said.

Man arrested at airport for alleged possession of pot, seeds

Division of Customs Service inspectors arrested over the weekend a 27-year-old man who was allegedly found in possession of three marijuana sticks and 46 marijuana seeds at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

Dexter Alan Woodruff was served with an arrest warrant in As Lito on charges of importation of contraband and possession of controlled substance.

Importation of a controlled substance—even for marijuana—carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison with two years minimum mandatory without parole or probation, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Woodruff's bail was set at $5,000 cash. Preliminary hearing will be on Sept. 23 at 1:30pm.

The Office of the Public Defender was appointed as counsel for the defendant. Assistant attorney general Clayton Graef appeared for the government.

Customs inspector Maynard Reyes stated in his report that a Customs officer and a detector dog handler performed a random inspection on Woodruff in the arrival area of the airport on Sept. 8, 2014, at 8:20am.

Reyes said that Woodruff, who was a passenger on Cape Air Flight 5071 from Guam, admitted to a Customs officer and detector dog handler that he had in his possession marijuana seeds inside a Krazy glue container inside his waist pouch.

An examination of the Krazy glue container allegedly confirmed what appeared to be marijuana seeds.

Reyes said that upon further inspection of the waist pouch, the detector dog handler found three marijuana sticks (green leafy substance) hidden inside a pack of cigarettes.

On the same day, a test conducted by a Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force officer on the green leafy substance yielded a positive result for marijuana.

The officer counted a total of 46 marijuana seeds recovered from the defendant.

At a bail modification hearing yesterday afternoon, assistant public defender Matthew Meyer appeared as counsel for Woodruff.

Woodruff's father, lawyer Steve Woodruff, came as the proposed third-party custodian.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, however, denied Steve Woodruff as third-party custodian for his son due to his lack of credibility from his recent disbarment.

Steve Woodruff is among the candidates for a Senate seat on Saipan. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Kanile'a donates to Marianas Ukulele Festival

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Kanile'a Ukulele owner and master Luthier Joseph N. Souza III presents the company's donation to Marianas Ukulele Festival chair Larry Lee in the Kanile'a Ukulele showroom and factory in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

Kanile'a Ukulele from Kaneohe, Hawaii, recently donated a beautiful Islander by Kanile'a concert ukulele to the Marianas Ukulele Festival through its chair, Larry Lee.

"We are proud and happy to support this inaugural ukulele festival in the Marianas and wish you all the success on your first festival," said Kanile'a Ukulele owner and master Luthier Joseph N. Souza III.

The first Marianas Ukulele Festival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014, at the Tipiyeew Cultural Village – Carolinian Utt in Garapan, Saipan from 12pm to 6pm. The donated Kanile'a ukulele is one of the top prizes that will be raffled off on the day of the festival.

The Marianas Ukulele Festival Association is a registered, non-profit organization whose mission and focus are:

■ to promote and perpetuate ukulele music and heritage by bringing people of all ages together to share the love of ukulele music;

■ to create an avenue for people of all cultures to share the island warmth and Hafa Adai Tirow Spirit through the enjoyment of ukulele music; and

■ to present a free annual ukulele festival in the Northern Mariana Islands that will:

• showcase the various talents of ukulele players in the NMI;

• feature ukulele enthusiasts from around the region and attract hundreds of visitors to the CNMI;

• have booths selling local food and drinks, and local arts and handicrafts.

Interested ukulele performers or anyone wanting more information may email marianasukefest@gmail.com, or visit www.marianasukulelefestival.org. ***(PR)***

HANMI
HOTEL ASSOCIATION NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

building a better Commonwealth with you since 1985...

Domingo joined Kanoa Resort (then Saipan Grand Hotel) in 2007, where he serves as a gardener, responsible for general maintenance of the grounds; planting, trimming, and mowing; landscaping with flowers, grass, and shrubs; plant propagation; and preparing the work schedule of ground staff.

"In grounds maintenance and in the garden we work with plants to give refreshment to the guests. I have a lot of experience with landscaping, and it makes me happy to take care of plants because it gives me a special feeling in my heart. When the plants are healthy, I also feel good. Most of our guests are attracted to our plants and flowers. Sometimes they pick the flowers and put them behind their ears, or they take pictures with the flowers. What I enjoy best is making the plants beautiful so the guests can enjoy them and feel good, too.

Mario R. Domingo
Gardener, Kanoa Resort

Kanoa Resort
Saipan

"Our #1 income-generator is tourism, and the hotel industry is one of the main sources of income in the islands. As a community, we should appreciate this."

Working in a hotel is a very good opportunity. Sometimes we are together with different cultures and different races and it can be difficult to communicate with our guests. But after many years, I've learn how even though we don't speak the same language, by means of actions, we can understand and help them.

Our #1 income-generator is tourism, and the hotel industry is one of the main sources of income in the islands. As a community, we should appreciate this. We have to make sure our hotel is nice and make sure the people working here are nice to our tourists, and we all should work to make our islands beautiful so more tourists will come."

Kanoa Resort and other HANMI member hotels provide jobs for over 1,600 employees.

International Festival of Cultures off to a slow start

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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The International Festival of Cultures—the first-ever and newest annual event of the Marianas Visitors Authority—got off to a slow start last Saturday, attracting minimal attention.

The sparse crowd, however, did not stop the diverse cultures of the islands from promoting their heritage, customs, and traditions.

Despite the low turnout during the event that slowly picked up after 9pm, the festival's participants presented their cultures with much enthusiasm to community members and visitors.

Cultures presented during the festival included the indigenous Chamorro and Carolinians, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Tahiti, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Cook Islands, Marques, Yap, Marshall Islands, Chuuk, China, Korea, Hawaii, and Japan.

Cultures that presented and showcased their food included the Philippines, Bangladesh, Hawaii, the CNMI, Korea, China, and Japan, while the rest showcased their arts and crafts.

The Pearl of the Pacific (Tonga, Fiji, and Samoa) group showcased their home islands' *tapa*, woven clothing from a special pandanus plant that is used in every occasion on the islands.

Tongans, Fijians, and Samoans said that the *tapa* is everything to their culture and is a very important part of their culture.

Tahitians showcased costumes and instruments, including the ukulele. According to the Tahiti representatives, music and dance is an important part of their culture.

Bangladesh showcased their clothing, traditional wear, and food. China showcased the importance of their calligraphy, while the booths of the Philippines, the CNMI, and Korea showcased their food that attracted many of the visitors.

Yap and Marshall Islands showcased their intricate handiwork in crafting baskets, earrings, necklaces, model canoes, and other jewelry. Japan had a food, souvenir, and game booth.

Performances from different cultures entertained visitors and community members throughout the event, which is held every Saturdays until Oct. 4.

On the last day of the event, Oct. 4, there will be a parade starting at 5:30pm in Garapan from the Carolinian Affairs Office to American Memorial Park ending at Coral Tree Avenue.

Food booths open at 5pm and performances start at 6pm and end at 11pm.

Tahitian women show their musical instruments, ukulele, and costumes for dancing.

A little girl takes her picture between two "pandas", an indigenous species of China.

Customers check out the display at the tent of the Marshall Islands.

Community members look on the Yapese, Chuuk tent on beaded necklace displays.

"The Pearl of Pacific" including Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa take a group photo near the display of their traditional clothing called *tapa.*

Children enjoy a Japanese game to win prizes. Similar to horseshoe tossing, rings have to be thrown into the poles to receive points.

Under the Yap tent, a handmade canoe replica attracts viewers to check out the craftsmanship.

Bangladesh nationals show off their traditional clothing for women and the new generation of clothing for young boys.

Tinian lass takes charge of UoG's Triton Warrior Battalion

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The Triton Warrior Battalion colors are passed from the outgoing battalion commander, Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Suanne Camacho, right, to incoming battalion commander Cadet Lt. Col. Jennifer Uy.

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Triton Warrior Battalion's outgoing battalion commander, Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Suanne Camacho, second from right, and incoming battalion commander Cadet Lt. Col. Jennifer Uy, third from left, pose with University of Guam president Dr. Robert Underwood, left, and some family members.

»Outgoing, incoming commanders are both NMI residents

Effective Sept. 12, 2014, Cadet Lt. Col. Jennifer Uy assumed command of the 8th Brigade, University of Guam's Triton Warrior Battalion.

Uy, the youngest daughter of Jose and Ellen Uy from the island of Tinian, took over from Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Suanne Camacho, who is also a CNMI (Saipan) resident and the oldest daughter of Ignacio and Cynthia Camacho of Kagman, Saipan.

Both Uy and Camacho are both CNMI scholars and are currently seniors at the University of Guam. They are expected to graduate and be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army in May 2015.

In her speech during the change of command ceremony, Uy said: "I would like to share some insight with you what always motivated me to strive for excellence: Always remember what you represent. The patches we wear on this uniform are indicative of just that. Over your heart is the U.S. Army tape, which represents who you're fighting for. To your right represents each of us individually, your family name. Remember that no one can take anything away from you, only you can create the future you desire. It may be a long journey, but with your hard work and dedication, success will always meet you at your destination."

"Triton Warrior Battalion, I offer you my full, undivided commitment. I am privileged to serve as your new cadet battalion commander. I will work with you, struggle with you and strive for success with you. Let us continue to display evidence of the quality of leaders that our islands have to offer," added Uy. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Dandan Middle School PTSA meeting set

Dandan Middle School will be having its first PTSA meeting for school year 2014-2015 today, Sept. 16, at 6pm, in the school's Cafeteria. DMS highly encourages parents and guardians to attend this important meeting. ***(DMS)***

MHS sets College Fair today

Marianas High School will be hosting a College Fair today, Sept. 16, 2014, at the MHS Gymnasium. MHS students will be entertained from 10:30am to 12:40pm. The fair will then be open to the public from 4pm to 7pm. ***(MHS)***

MHS PTA meeting on Wednesday

All Marianas High School parents, teachers and students are invited to attend the first PTA meeting for this school year on Wednesday Sept. 17, 2014. at 6:30pm in the MHS Dolphin Theatre. The meeting will include reports from the MHS administration and the MHS Student Council about their plans for the new school year as well as elections of 2014-2015 PTA officers. ***(MHS)***

Free lecture on Chamorro language research

A presentation on *The Chamorro Language across Islands and Generations* will be given onSaipan (Sept. 18), and Tinian (Sept. 22). This is a report on the latest research into Chamorro language processing by the *Chamorro Psycholinguistics na Project* team of Sandy Chung, Matt Wagers, and Manny F. Borja. The presentation on Saipan will be at the American Memorial Park at 6pm, and the presentation on Tinian will be at the Gineftao Center at 5:30pm. The presentation is free to the public and all are welcome. ***(PR)***

CCA board meeting on Sept. 23

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(CCA)***

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on Sept. 25

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, Sept. 25, starting at 5:30pm at the Chamolinian Room of the Hyatt Regency Saipan. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(CCA)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:	**Civil Action No. 14-0138**
TOSHINORI CHINEN	**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO ADMIT WILL INTO PROBATE PROCEEDINGS/**
Decedent.	**TO OPEN ESTATE ACCOUNT/ TO APPOINT EMERENCIANA D. CHINEN EXECUTRIX**
	Date: SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 Time: 1:30 P.M. Judge: DAVID A. WISEMAN

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE TOSHINORI CHINEN OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Emerenciana D. Chinen, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for the following: Petition to Admit Will into Probate Proceedings; to Open Estate Account; and her appointment as Executrix for the Estate of Toshinori Chinen, Decedent. The attorney for Petitioner is **Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.**

The hearing on the Petition by **Emerenciana D. Chinen**, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on **Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.**, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, *Guma' Hustisia*, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the Deceased or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of this publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to **ROBERT TENORIO TORRES, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.**

Dated this 3rd day of July, 2014.

/s/ Kristy R. Diaz
Clerk of Court
Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

THE FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SERVICES GROUP, INC., Plaintiff,	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0338**
-v-	
RAMON P. AGULTO and DALIA R. AGULTO, Defendants	

SEVENTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 16, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 001 G 32, situated in Kagman, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 G 02, the original of which was recorded March 20, 1986, as Document No. 86-0513, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office , Saipan, and also on February 16, 1989, ad Document No. 89-511, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 3, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 25th day of August, 2014:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

THE FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SERVCES GROUP, INC., Plaintiff, -v- DONALD C. CAMACHO, Defendant.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0458 **FIFTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on May 4, 2011, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 001 C 60 (formerly part of Lot 001 C 56, which was part of Lot 001 C 26, which was part of original Lot 001 C 05, T.D. 697), situated in San Roque Village, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 C 12, the original of which was recorded 27 August 1999 as Document No. 99-2037 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 3, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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THE FINANCIAL & INSURANCE SERVCIES GROUP, INC., Plaintiff, -v- LUCIA BORJA PALACIOS, Defendant.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0131 **THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 10, 2012, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 218-2-5, situated in As Teo, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a corner which is designated as Corner No. 1, having plane rectangular coordinates of 53,203.65 meters north and 66,755.91 meters cast of the Mariana Islands district coordinate system of 1956.

Thence N 13° 35' 00", 13.18 meters to Corner 3;
Thence S 80° 13' 00" 65.95 meters to Corner 4;
Thence S 09° 47' 00" E, 28.85 meters to Corner 5;
Thence N 80° 13' 00" W, 66.53 meters to Corner 1; the point of beginning.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 3, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- The Estate of MARIANO L. ALDAN and ELSA B. ALDAN, Deceased, Defendants.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0487 **FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on September 23, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 011 G 1272, situated in Kagman III, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 858 square meters, more or less as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey Official Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 24, dated December 9, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File no. 96-2566, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 3, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- The Estate of MARIANO L. ALDAN and ELSA B. ALDAN, Deceased, Defendants.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-0487 **FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

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DATED, this 25th day of August, 2014:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

Exercise Valiant Shield 2014 kicks off in Guam

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam—Exercise Valiant Shield 2014 kicked off with more than 18,000 joint force service members from 30 units, including 200 aircraft and 20 ships in, and around, the island of Guam beginning Sept. 15.

The exercise will demonstrate a wide range of capabilities designed to test the inherent flexibility of joint forces. These capabilities range from maritime security operations, anti-submarine, air defense and space and cyber warfighting proficiencies in an environment that could not be simulated otherwise.

"When you think of the U.S. military in the Pacific, you want credible combat power," said Rear Adm. Russell Allen, Valiant Shield Exercise Director. "The true test of a force is its ability to detect, track, and engage targets with live sensors and weapons systems. The U.S. military does that more than anyone. Valiant Shield 2014 focuses on integrated training that helps us do it even better."

Valiant Shield is a U.S.-only, biennial field training exercise with a focus on integration of joint training among U.S. forces. This training enables real-world proficiency in sustaining joint forces through detecting, locating, tracking and engaging units at sea, in the air, on land and in cyberspace in response to a range of mission areas.

The lessons learned from exercises like Valiant Shield 2014 help the United States develop regional and global power projection capabilities and enhance its ability to defend its interests and those of its allies and partners around the world.

"Training like this is absolutely invaluable. It provides the deterrence and stabilizing effects of an integrated force that is ready at the outset of a contingency without delays for buildups or extensive mission rehearsal," Allen said. "It refines the military's ability to respond to crisis across the spectrum of operations from humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to armed conflict.

"Simply stated, the experience our forces gain from working together helps us to provide the best possible support to our allies, partners, and friends in the region for a wide variety of missions, when and where they're needed most."

Valiant Shield is a U.S.-only exercise integrating U.S. Navy, Air Force, Army and Marine Corps assets in a blue-water environment, refining their ability to present a seamless joint force and respond effectively to any contingency in a timely manner. ***(PR)***

The Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS *Mustin* fires two SM-2 missiles during Valiant Shield 2014. Air and sea units from the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force participated in the sinking exercise of the former USS *Fresno*.

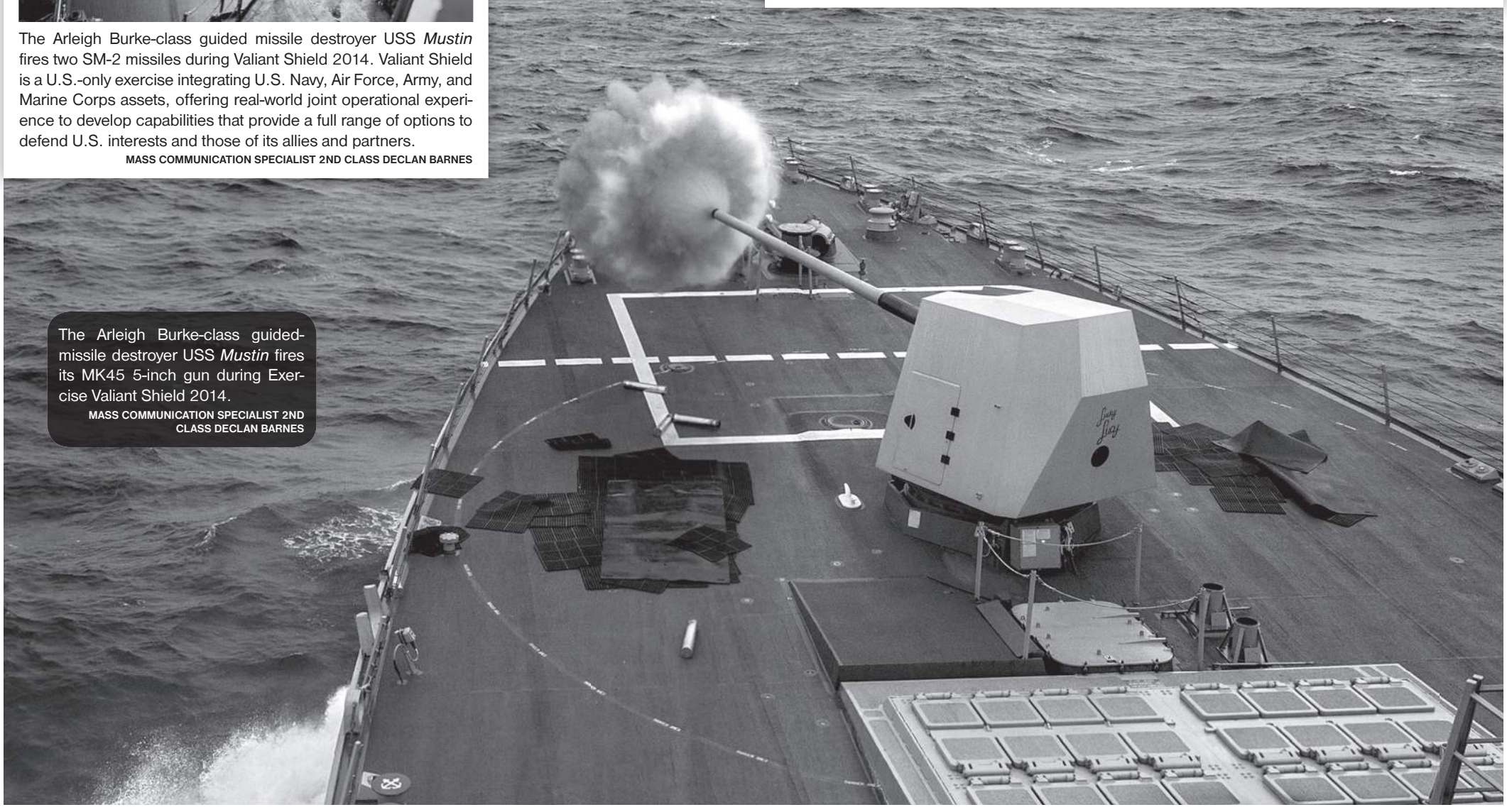
CULINARY SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS FIDEL C. HART

The Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS *Fitzgerald* fires two SM-2 missiles during Valiant Shield 2014.

LT. J.G. ROSWELL LARY

The Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS *Mustin* fires two SM-2 missiles during Valiant Shield 2014. Valiant Shield is a U.S.-only exercise integrating U.S. Navy, Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps assets, offering real-world joint operational experience to develop capabilities that provide a full range of options to defend U.S. interests and those of its allies and partners.

MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS DECLAN BARNES



The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS *Mustin* fires its MK45 5-inch gun during Exercise Valiant Shield 2014.

MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 2ND CLASS DECLAN BARNES

MOU seeks to build territories' fishery management capacity

HONOLULU—A memorandum of understanding aimed at building the capacity of the U.S. Pacific Island territories to manage their fisheries and fishery-related resources has been signed by more than a dozen higher education institutions and federal and local fishery management agencies and organizations in American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Hawaii.

Signatories include the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, University of Hawaii at Hilo, UH Manoa's Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, Hawaii Pacific University, American Samoa Community College, University of Guam, Northern Marianas College, American Samoa Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources, Guam Department of Agriculture, CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service-Pacific Islands Regional Office, NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

The partners will work together to achieve four goals with implementation to begin with the 2015 academic year:

1. Identify and recruit students from the territories/Commonwealth who are interested in a career in fishery science and/or management. These students must also commit to being employed at a fishery-related local agency in the territories/Commonwealth. Employees in the local fishery agencies who need or desire to enhance their education and training in fishery science/management will also be identified and recruited.

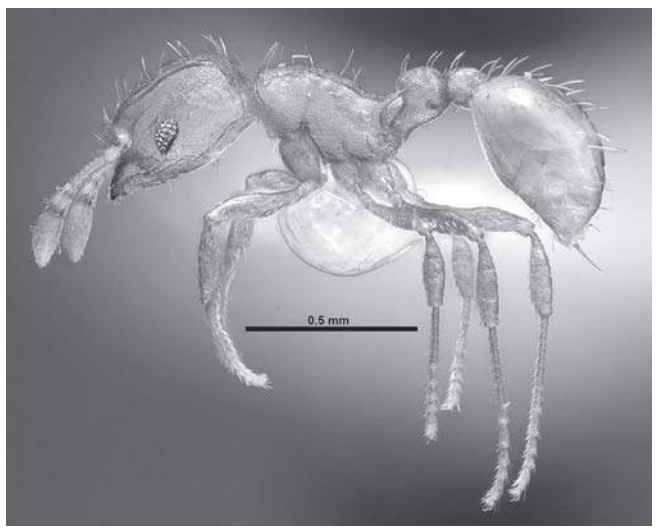
2. Assist the identified students/employees to be successful in undergraduate and/or graduate educational endeavors. This assistance includes a) supporting and improving course articulation of fishery-related academic programs and courses among the above education institutions; b) helping to address tuition and other education-related financial needs through existing financial assistance and established federal education programs and by exploring the development of a fellowship/scholarship program that requires a commitment from the student recipient to work in a fisheries-related agency in the territories or Commonwealth; and c) ensuring effective, ongoing advising and mentoring from both the college/university and the home Territory/Commonwealth.

3. Support and encourage the development of curricula, permanent courses, programs and faculty positions for fisheries at the undergraduate and/or graduate level; online fishery trainings; and internships.

4. Assist, support and encourage local fishery-related agencies to employ these students in the territories/Commonwealth.

The MOU was drafted by the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council's Education Committee, as directed by the Council at its 159th meeting in March 2014. The Education Steering Committee will meet in October to work on an implementation plan. ***(WPRFMC)***

Little fire ant control is a big job



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The little fire ant is listed by the Global Invasive Species Database as one of the top 100 worst invasive species worldwide and is considered the greatest invasive ant threat to the Pacific region.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service is taking the little fire ant infestation in Guam seriously and has recently awarded a $50,000 grant to Dr. Ross Miller of the University of Guam Entomology Lab. He is teaming up with the Department of Agriculture to implement control procedures for *Wasmannia auropunctata,* the scientific name for little fire ant, or LFA.

"The Department of Agriculture has already begun LFA control efforts and this grant will allow our lab to offer technical expertise and assistance in pre and post treatment surveys as well as the actual control of the ants," said Miller.

Miller's team is conducting a detailed sampling for LFA in two areas that DOA has already been treating with pesticides including Tango, an insect growth regulator.

"We expect the impact of the pesticides to be rapid, but we need to sample the areas multiple times for two years without finding LFA to say they are truly gone. We expect to demonstrate that these ants can be controlled, which is why ongoing funding is crucial," said Miller.

If residents have not yet been affected by LFA, they may soon be without these control efforts. Little fire ants have established colonies in many areas throughout the island. It is important that people do not transport soil, plants, or plant parts that may be infested with LFA.

The little fire ant is listed by the Global Invasive Species Database as one of the top 100 worst invasive species worldwide and is considered the greatest invasive ant threat to the Pacific region. They deliver a very painful sting causing an extremely itchy rash. Guam has already had one incident of a child needing medical treatment after being stung by LFA.

Guam Department of Agriculture and University of Guam personnel continue their collaborative efforts to protect the island's natural environment from the devastating effects of invasive species. It takes everyone on the island to do his or her part in controlling an invasive insect like the little fire ant.

For more information on LFA, please visit www.littlefireants.com. To report sightings of LFA or any other invasive species, call 475-PEST (7378). ***(UOG)***

ALUMKNIGHTS' DONATION CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Mount Carmel School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, far left, and Mount Carmel School principal Bobby Baldazo, far right, join Mount Carmel School AlumKnights Class of 2005 (from left, Rob Travilla, Crystal Cabrera, Emanuel Borja, and Divana Dela Cruz) as they present a check from their fundraiser "Bring A Family Home" to their classmate and friend, Tasia Bocago-Sablan and her daughter. The Class of 2005 was able to fundraise a total of $6,733.20.

Commander, JRM condole with family of fallen sailor

ASAN, Guam—Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander, Joint Region Marianas, issued the following statement in response to the Navy's suspension of the search for a missing pilot who crashed in the Western Pacific Friday.

"Our hearts and prayers are with the family of our fallen sailor who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country. As the crews of Strike Fighter Squadron 94, Strike Fighter Squadron 113, and USS *Carl Vinson* grieve the loss of one of their own, let us keep them in our thoughts. Let us also remember the brave men and women of Carrier Strike Group 1 as they continue on their deployment. To the families and friends of everyone who has been affected by this tragedy, may God bless each one of you and safely reunite you with your loved ones." ***(PR)***

Obama declares disaster for Halong recovery

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) announced Friday that President Barack Obama has issued a federal disaster declaration for Guam to assist with recovery efforts from tropical storm Halong. The disaster declaration follows a request from Gov. Eddie Calvo to help defray costs to the Government of Guam for response efforts to tropical storm Halong.

The disaster declaration helps to release federal funds for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Public assistance will be used for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities. Hazard mitigation will be used for actions taken to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards.

"I applaud President Obama for issuing a federal disaster declaration for Guam," said Bordallo. "This declaration will free up federal funds to assist GovGuam with recovery efforts following tropical storm Halong. Guam was fortunate to have been spared any major devastation. This disaster declaration demonstrates the Obama Administration's concern for the people of Guam's needs in addressing the aftermath of tropical storm Halong." ***(PR)***

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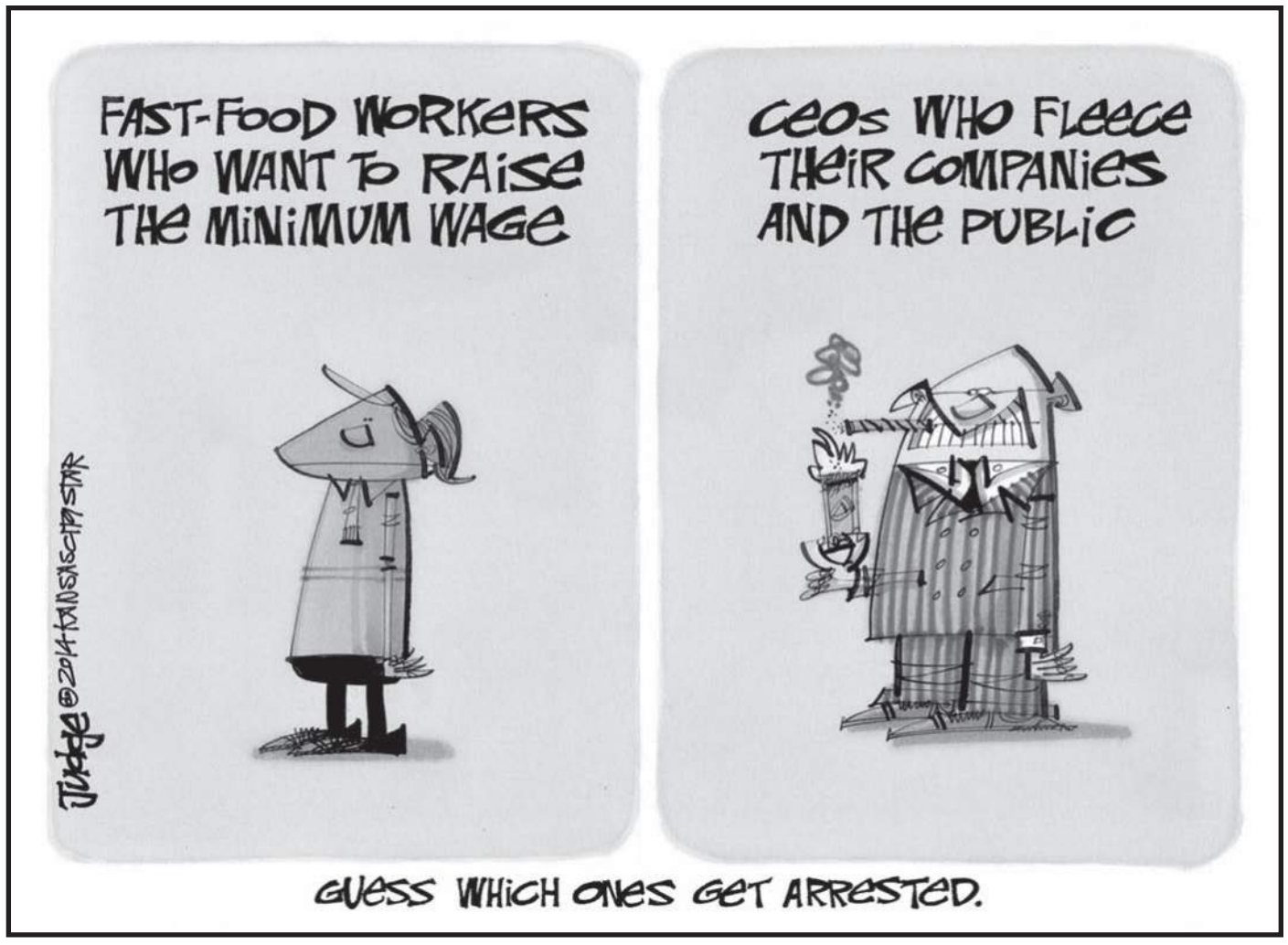
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EDITORIAL

Obama takes a more hawkish America to battle

By the time Barack Obama spoke to the nation Wednesday night, the morning of Thursday, Sept. 11, had dawned in more than half of the world. Listening to this president say, "We cannot erase every trace of evil from the world, and small groups of killers have the capacity to do great harm," reminded us of one enduring lesson from 2001: No American president ever will treat casually the anniversary of global terrorism's greatest coup.

Obama's speech—explaining why he will press a more muscular and perhaps yearslong military campaign to stop a terror group in its blood-soaked tracks—can't have come easily to a president who frequently had assured Americans that "the tide of war is receding." Instead he committed himself to further loosing American firepower, and American personnel, in West Asia. In 2008 and 2012, candidate Obama spoke often of extricating U.S. warriors from that very region.

Obama did the talking Wednesday night, but that speech really was about the American people and the Islamic militants who have threatened assaults on this country and its interests overseas.

The militants' documented cruelties, the beheadings of two U.S. journalists included, no doubt angered some Americans and frightened others. What's certain is that while presidents sometimes lead public opinion and other times follow it, this case involves both: Obama was talking to a populace that abruptly has developed a hawkish desire for military action. Two public opinion surveys this week suggested that the campaign Obama described will, at least for now, have support:

On Tuesday a Washington Post-ABC News poll put Americans' support for U.S. airstrikes in Iraq at 71 percent, and for airstrikes in Syria at 65 percent. The Iraq percentage is up from 45 percent in June—and the Syria percentage is more than double the support a year ago for airstrikes to punish Syria's regime for using chemical weapons.

On Wednesday a Wall Street Journal-NBC News poll reported that, by a margin of 61 percent to 13 percent, respondents said military action against the militants is in America's national interest. Some 47 percent said the U.S. is less safe than before 9/11—by far the highest share in the 13 years that the pollsters have asked that question.

The president's diagnosis: "(The Islamic State) poses a threat to the people of Iraq and Syria, and the broader Middle East—including American citizens, personnel and facilities. If left unchecked, these terrorists could pose a growing threat beyond that region—including to the United States." True enough.

But while we appreciate the president's opinion that he has the legal authority to proceed as he plans, we don't understand why Congress shouldn't debate his strategy and endorse it. Many House and Senate members of both parties have been free with their opinions that Obama's foreign policy in general—and toward Islamic State in particular—has been too weak or too muscular. What looks like their collective unwillingness to take stands on an extended military campaign that will put many Americans in

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Remembering America's 9/11 and the CNMI's WWII civilian casualties

By JUAN N. BABAUTA and JUAN S. TORRES
Special to the Saipan Tribune

"Caught in a war not of their making" illustrates quite vividly the tragic moment in modern American history at New York's World Trade Center Twin Towers 13 years ago on Sept. 11, 2001, an historic event considered one of America's darkest moments in modern times and on the other side of the world an equally tragic event done to the Marianas civilian population in the hands of foreign aggressors during the second world war in the Pacific over 50 years ago.

Today, as it was on Sept. 11, 2001, 9/11 has taken on a new meaning, even becoming an American household lexicon of remembrance and around the world, as it should in the Northern Marianas at Garapan's Marianas Memorial, where the Commonwealth assembled nearly a decade ago on June 13, 2004, in remembrance of scores of Chamorros and Carolinians who lost their lives to a war they were caught in from the beginning of American aerial bombardment on Saipan on June 11, 1944, to the closure of civilian camps (i.e. Camp Susupe) on July 4, 1946.

These two tragic events—a post-war event in New York City and a wartime event on Saipan—have at least one thing in common: "[t]he people of Northern Marianas, many [unarmed] civilians throughout the Pacific, became victims of war" in a war not of their making while thousands of miles away in New York, nearly 3,000 unarmed civilians were caught up in extraordinary circumstances 13 years ago in the hands of terrorists aggressors.

» A reflection in human tenacity & resiliency in American democracy

Today, Juan S. Torres and I join thousands of others the world over and thousands more in the Commonwealth in silent remembrance over the "reflecting absence" of scores of innocent civilians who suffered the ultimate sacrifice, whose lives were shortened by a war not of their making, and scores more unarmed Americans, whose lives ended in the hands of demonic terrorists—terrorists with ill-intent, malice, and devoid of reverence for humanity, whose callous acts, despicable in the manner they were carried out, and even more despicable in the way terrorists celebrated for killing scores of innocent civilians in New York City 13 years ago this month.

In their remembrance and honor throughout America as it is throughout the Commonwealth, the moment is captured in the lowering of flags at half-staff, candlelight vigil, and parade by youths and adults alike. The same honor and reverence should be afforded just as well our fallen civilians at the Marianas Memorial in the American Memorial Park in Garapan.

These two extraordinary episodes demonstrate how man conquered life's difficulties through our collective resilience and tenacity. These events would historically appear to be out of ordinary life experiences, but we reflect deeper on the lessons drawn, are nonetheless events that we must face and continue to face life's challenges daily—challenges that we have the tools through our imagination and creativity to overcome in like manner the CNMI has dealt with the growing pains of an emerging self-governing entity. What little tools we have or know is not as significant as our tenacity and resilience to overcome these difficulties and leverage our collective energies, imagination, and creativity in propelling America and the U.S. Commonwealth in a trajectory moving forward to progress, prosperity, and optimism—values that are captured in New York's 9/11 memorial center. The memorial symbolizes our collective rebirths that are deeply rooted in our unflinching and unshakeable belief in pluralism and in the richness of diversity, the ultimate expression and recognition of the rainbow of cultures that make America great today as it has been since the Great Depression, the same fervor, energy, and optimism the people of this great Commonwealth deserves and demands of their leaders, for the priceless ultimate sacrifices wrought to the indigenous civilian community, that we remember so painfully in our daily lives, whose sacrifices are memorialized at the Garapan American Memorial Park Marianas Memorial.

In the same spirit of tenacity, resiliency, and optimism that the tragedy of 9/11 and the history at the Marianas Memorial impress on our humanity, Mr. Juan S. Torres and I look forward with optimism in engaging in open and spirited dialogue the other worthy gubernatorial candidates, over how each and all of us intend to rebuild, restore, recover, and bring life to the many broken pieces of today's economic wreckage in our local economy; local pension fund system; local fiscal policy and practice; local unemployment and under-employment; out-migration; local wealth creation; local health care; local creative synergy of multiple alternative energy; local workforce training and preparation; improved services to our armed forces veterans, reserve, and national guards; local, national and international air-link capacities aligned with the local hospitality industry; local infrastructure and maintenance; industry-friendly regulatory and support infrastructure; competitive trade and commerce; interisland air and ocean passenger and freight services;

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Man'amko news

I offer my congratulations to all new members of the Man'amko Council who won their seats recently in a competitive election. They gave us new hopes. The election has shown that the voters are getting smarter in their choices and want changes to take place. They do not vote just for a friend or to give a favor because of relationships. They vote for smart and good candidates with good background in expectation of wise decisions.

Most of all the new members hold college degrees and good background. Sorry for those who sat in their offices for a very long time and did so few and are now gone! They were old-fashioned, doing things the same way with no innovation. I believe the new council officers will improve on the *man'amko*'s works.

Another good news: Last month, the man'amko had two days at the Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort. It was wisely combined with touring all significant tourist spots of Saipan. The *man'amko* made the tour while sitting in nice QQ Rental cars that were generously donated. People returned home full of fresh impressions and willing to visit that resort soon.

About our daily life, everything at the Aging Center seems organized thoughtfully. There is an effectively functioning computer room equipped with computers, scanners, music devices, printers etc. The two pool tables, fitness equipment, TVs and others are serving the people well. The center also has a basketball ground and golfing field. A movie room comes with technology that lets viewers be part of what is being displayed. The relaxing massage chair relaxes.

We relax reading in our library or reading fresh newspapers. Playing football. They have all kinds of books. Most of all, we never miss reading the newspapers and the *man'amko* are always up to date on what is going on in our islands everyday. I encourage senior citizens out in the community who are not yet *man'amko* members to give it a try: come and see and feel their center. Meet the members, chat with them, listen to our band's performance led by nice singers Eden and Jess.

About our tradition. On the last visit day of each month, we celebrate the within-the-month birthdays of our members. We offer them our congratulations, treat us with cake and ice cream and coffee, sing and dance. Also, a special Mass is held each month for the celebrants. Our local newspapers, *Saipan Tribune* and *Marianas Variety*, pay enough attention to the *man'amko*'s life and we appreciate them a lot for their services.

Life goes on. The *man'amko* are also moving on, not lagging behind.

Teddy Guiao
Lower Navy Hill, Saipan

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public-private partnerships; research and development capacities, among prevailing issues needing concentrated attention, and setting the foundation for a more progressive, prosperous, and sustainable quality of life tomorrow, and in that vein bring the focus back front and center to the interest of our people, in our march forward in celebration of the rebirth of a Commonwealth renaissance defined in a general atmosphere of "yes, we can" and "can-do" attitude—the customer-friendly government and Commonwealth that Juan S. Torres and I offer to take the Commonwealth moving forward within a term in office.

Like the trees surrounding the Marianas Memorial at the American Memorial Park in downtown Garapan and the trees around the 9/11 Memorial Plaza in downtown New York, these trees of life represent the survivor spirit in all of us, a symbolism in our collective memory of iconic moments, of the survivor tree that "demand(s) the care and nurturing of those who visit and tend them. They remember life with living forms, and serve as living representations of the destruction and renewal of life in their own annual cycles. The result is a memorial that expresses both the incalculable loss of life and its consoling re-generation as part of the spirit of rebirth."

The CNMI electorates and the greater Northern Mariana Islands, and those living abroad, deserve and demand spirited, civil, open and fair debates on the issues that matter most and not limited, for instance, to creating good paying jobs, improving access to a quality education and health care system, reforming and saving a broken pension system, embedding alternative energy into our grid system, facilitating affordable healthcare and health insurance, among others.

Today's voters are smart and sophisticated. Today's voters understand they have crystal clear choice for the 2014 election for governor and lieutenant governor. Not by buying votes, as voting-by-cash (vote-buying) is undemocratic and unlawful, where authorities are all around with watchful eyes, ears, and others. Or, for that matter, by marginalizing candidates in casting aspersions on the motives of those who seek the office of governor and lieutenant governor, and stoking divisions that play into people's worst fears. Instead, the preferred modern approach is reaching out to electorates and the community at large through educational forums, public debates, open panel discussions, etc., so that *all* are afforded ample opportunities to participate and engage more fully in the political process without undue pressure. In sum, we say this election is not one of personal attacks on the candidate's integrity, by mere participation in the political process, (as one might query why would anyone want to run for office in such a toxic environment, subjecting themselves to insults), but in a civil, open, fair, and educational conversations and debates.

Juan S. Torres and I have not lost faith in the ability to improve on the lives of people. For we see the passion of young folks from the high schools and colleges in our beautiful island community, knocking on doors, making the calls, and the many FB postings. Their energy and enthusiasm are sources of our inspiration, inspiration to continue the journey and the political odyssey. When we are tired and beaten, they bring the trade winds to our face and inspire us even more to work for all in the Commonwealth as one community of diverse constituencies, just as in a tree in 9/11 in New York and a tree in Garapan's Marianas Memorial.

And moving forward with optimism, Juan S. Torres and I commit to bringing opportunities for success for the individual and the people in our American Commonwealth community. For we hold the unflinching and unshakeable belief that within each individual lie the desire to succeed no matter what, the same desire that is energized by attributes of sincerity, hard work, continuous learning, and reinvention and the constant hunger and desire to succeed, much like in our celebration of the tenacity of a tree that survived 9/11 and the Marianas war.

Setting this U.S. Commonwealth for the progressive improvements that are required for sustainable prosperity for all and ultimately steer this American Commonwealth in the direction for improved quality of life requires being fiscally responsible, turning our economy around, getting our residents back to work and setting the foundation for a stronger future and prosperity. We commit to uplifting those struggling to get out of poverty and needs a new sense of self-belief, so that ample opportunities are provided to them to climb to newer heights in an emerging neo-middle segment in society. This scenario retains balancing the safety net through poverty alleviation measures while retooling through market-oriented direction and incremental approach in facilitating the demands for better jobs, modern infrastructure, and a higher standard of living. This is our vision of the kind of American Commonwealth that makes it feasible for every parent to invest in his son's or daughter's future and hopes for a higher standard of living and a smooth and stable life upon graduation from high school or college and ready to join the workforce.

As Juan S. Torres and I look forward to the 2014 election, one story remains seared in our mind. A few weeks ago, a volunteer spoke with an elderly lady in Chalan Kanoa, the first capital town of Saipan. The volunteer told the elderly lady she is a volunteer for Babauta-Torres 2014 Leadership Team and asked for support for the BT leadership. To her amazement, Tan Maria replied, "Nothing changes. Once elected, their heads suddenly become big and no longer listen to the people. Hell, they even forget our names or our face. People have lost faith in a government of the few, for the few, and by the few," lamented Tan Maria.

In response, we say this: Juan S. Torres and I represent the paradigm shift and quality of change required to *transform* and *jettison* our American Commonwealth out of the wreckage it is in and out to the 21st century that people expect and demand of their elected representatives—whether they represent the governor's office, the Legislature, or the unelected agency boards. We see smart communities with modern infrastructure and telecommunications in our villages, smart communities that make life that much better living in our villages throughout the Commonwealth as far north as the Northern Islands and as far south as Rota, inclusive of Saipan, Tinian in the middle.

Our elderly population and our young folks should not have to carry the baggage of political indifference or apathy in this modern day and age of advanced technological society. They understand that this new century can be so much better (and must) than the past. In our hearts, as Northern Marianas Americans, we owe them the quality of educational outreach and campaign that live up to the ideals of modern American democracy. And regardless of the slings and arrows that may tempt the opposition in the months ahead which we reject, we will provide a forum that is forward thinking, with the strategic leadership that best represent the kind of governance Juan S. Torres and I will deliver, the leadership that is best defined in a tree that survived 9/11 and in remembrance of civilian casualties of war at the Marianas Memorial at the American Memorial Park in Garapan.

LITERARY NOOK

ten years ago today
09/14/2004 to 09/20/2004

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

here is the third week in 2004 September
with some headlines you may remember
09/18/ more 'Jihad' beheading, kidnapping, then
for the past few weeks (2014) they're at it again

09/14/2004
today›s death toll from Baghdad and Iraq
includes 47 police recruits in a car bomb attack
in Baquba drive-by gunmen kill twelve police
over Fallujah F-16s give 500 pound bombs a release

09/15/2004
Hurricane Ivan makes Louisiana and neighbor states queasy
many residents get in their cars and flee the Big Easy
FAA radio goes out over California and the West
800 planes in the air; traffic controllers do their best

09/16/2004
Ivan the (hurricane) Terrible a real windjammer
hit the U.S. mainland in Gulf Shores, Alabama
CBS papers show Bush shirked military duty
their questionable nature makes this campaign a beauty

09/17/2004
since the Republican convention the bounce polls seem to vary
a Gallup poll shows Bush ahead, another shows a dead heat with Kerry
Ivan›s moving North somewhat smaller with lots of rain
leaving the entire Gulf Coast devastated, its residents in pain

09/18/2004
a "jihad" group kidnaps and threatens to behead three
gives Iraq forty eight hours to set female prisoners free
Kirkuk suicide car bomb kills 19 and wounds sixty seven
after fourteen years Iraqi Airways returns to fly near heaven

09/19/2004
South Africa mourns Beyers Naude, white minister, against racial segregation
Pres. Mbeki said his sacrifices "guaranteed us peace and reconciliation"
interviewed on Iraq Pres. Bush said he was,"... pleased with the progress"
Sen. Kerry says, "... its not too late to turn things around" in the Iraq mess

09/20/2004
Indonesians chose today between Megawati and Yudhoyono
151 million Presidential voters will wait till Oct.5
before they know
Bush and Kerry may have agreed to debate
for the exact date and results we will just have to wait

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harm's way is inexcusable.

So, for all of Wednesday night's heartening talk of building "a broad coalition" to press this fight, it will happen because the president of the United States says it will happen. Coalitions are desirable yet slippery things; if partners later peel off, he who convened the coalition can't retreat from the battlefront.

The test for Obama, with the answer soon to unfold before all of us, is whether Commander-in-Chief Obama is in this to win a war of his declaration, or if a president ambivalent about the use of force instead sends Americans to fight a halfhearted mission. The president, having watched several of his own assurances, promises and threats boomerang, may need to take steps tomorrow that he doesn't anticipate today. That's why, after much reluctance, he wound up launching an Iraq-like surge of U.S. troops into Afghanistan.

Now, as then, Obama owns a strategy fraught with military risk.

Now, as then, we hope he and his forces prevail.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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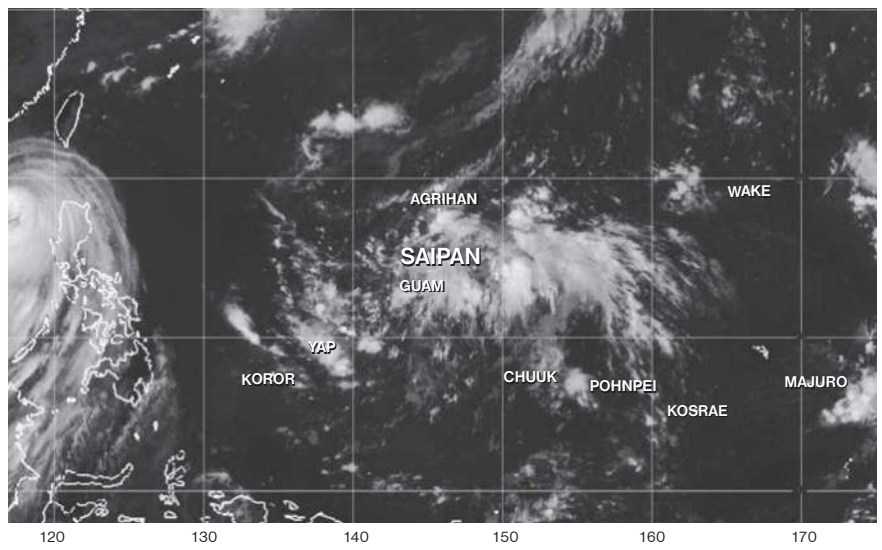
Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼81

Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲59	▼53
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼57
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼76
London	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼59
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲98	▼75
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼76
Melbourne	Showers	▲60	▼46
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼78
New York	Sunny	▲73	▼63
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼63
Paris	Sunny	▲79	▼59
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼68
Rome	Showers	▲82	▼62
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲95	▼55
San Francisco	Sunny	▲68	▼58
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼60
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼66
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲78	▼65

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends from 12N130E through a circulation southwest of Guam near 11N143E to end north of Pohnpei near 15N157E. An upper-level low is centered near 24N164E. An upper trough extends from this upper low to 15N145E. The combination of these features is producing a large area of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 12N and 19N from 142E to 160E. This area covers much of the Marianas. Surface convergence southwest of the circulation is generating scattered showers and thunderstorms over Yap between 8N and 13N from 132E to 142E. A surface trough extends from 4N164E to 7N171E to 15N179E. Surface convergence south of the trough is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across portions of the Marshall Islands within 100 miles of a line that stretches from 4N171E to 10N180. A second surface trough stretches from 15N176E to 21N174E and is associated with an area of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Wake Island between 15N and 21N from 171E to 177E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:49 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
8:23 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
3:38 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
8:54 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:06 AM	6:18 PM
Wednesday	6:06 AM	6:17 PM
Thursday	6:06 AM	6:17 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:16 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:15 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today		12:30 PM
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Thursday	1:02 AM	2:05 PM
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UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

MU7076	4:15am	6:50am	2, 6
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

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NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

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SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

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BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

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MU763	7:55pm	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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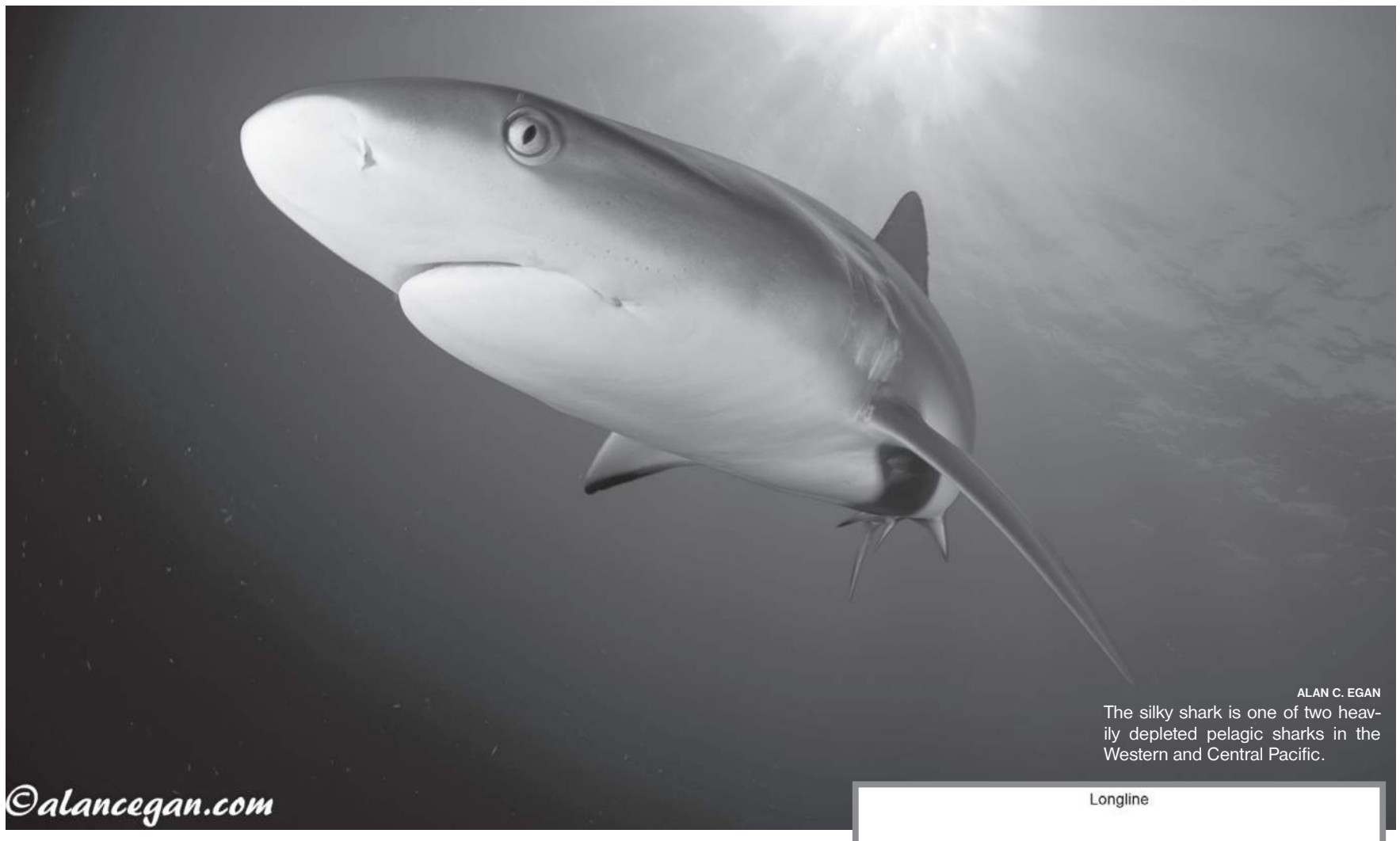
SPC study: Pacific sharks being targeted by some tuna longliners

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—It was previously thought that the two heavily depleted pelagic sharks in the Western and Central Pacific, the silky and the oceanic whitetip, were victims of unintended bycatch, but a startling new study from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community shows that sharks are actually being specifically targeted by some tuna longline boats operating in the equatorial Pacific Ocean.

Dr. Shelton Harley, Principal Fisheries Scientist in SPC's Oceanic Fisheries Programme, said, "The results of this work were quite unexpected and pretty exciting. We knew that almost all the longline catch of these species was caught by boats targeting tuna but, when we analyzed the data collected by independent Pacific Island fisheries observers, we discovered that a lot of the sharks were being caught on special lines with wire traces and shark bait attached to the floats on the longlines. In fact, these lines took up to half of all silky and oceanic whitetip sharks captured on the observed longline trips."



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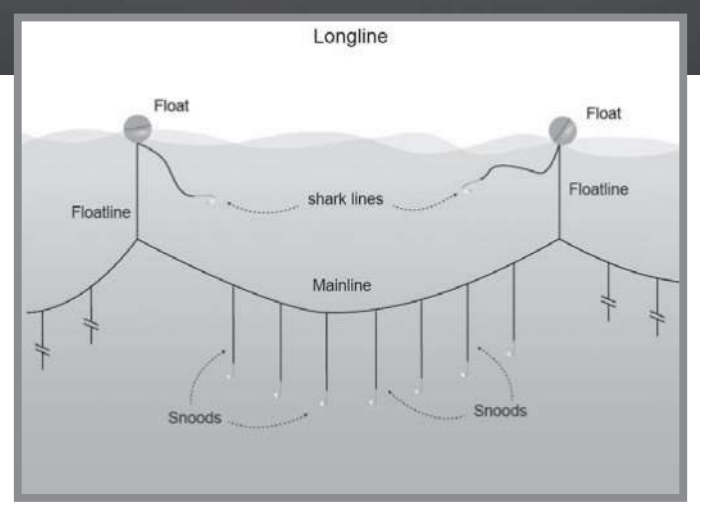
The silky shark is one of two heavily depleted pelagic sharks in the Western and Central Pacific.

These findings were heralded as great news by the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency. "Both of these species are in a bad way and if it was accidental bycatch then it might be a difficult problem to solve, but here we see that the main problem is these appropriately named 'shark-lines.' FFA members proposed that these shark lines be banned in 2013, but some fishing countries argued that the technique was important for non-shark species," said FFA Deputy Director-General Wez Norris.

» The best way to protect heavily depleted shark populations? Stop trying to catch them!

The recent study found, however, that no less than 13 of the top 15 species caught on these special lines were sharks (mahi mahi [2nd] and wahoo [12th] were the others). In addition to silky (1st) and oceanic white tip sharks (3rd), the list included several other sharks that have been recognized by international organizations as being of concern, such as two species of hammerhead sharks, and tiger sharks.

Based on these findings and confirmation that shark targeting is occurring, Norris indicated that FFA members will again be making the call for the banning of this technique at the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission meeting to be held in Apia, Samoa, in December 2014. "We call on responsible fishing nations to support this proposal." ***(SPC)***



Navy Seabees install generator at Pohnpei hospital

The U.S. Navy Seabee "can-do" attitude showed once again at the Pohnpei State Hospital. Two Seabees from U.S. Navy Mobile Utilities Support Equipment Division with the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, installed a new $130,000 emergency generator with an automatic transfer switch at the Pohnpei State Hospital.

The new emergency generator replaces the 36-year-old generator, which was originally installed when the hospital was first built in 1978.

Gov. John Ehsa noted that the new generator will save lives with its ability to automatically provide power within five seconds in the event of a loss or power or a brownout. The old generator required a manual start, which often required anywhere from five to 40 minutes to start. Additionally, the old generator could only provide power for 40 percent of the hospital's needs, while the new one can provide power for 100 percent of the hospital's need during a power outage.

The delayed start meant patients who were in surgery or receiving dialysis treatment were endangered during power outages, and sometimes the loss of power resulted in the loss of life. The automatic transfer switch in the new generator will provide almost instantaneous emergency power, thereby saving lives. The automatic transfer switch also has the capability to sense power surges and will switch over to emergency power during times of power fluctuation, which will prevent damage to the expensive delicate electronic equipment used in the hospital.

A handover ceremony was held Sept. 5 at the hospital.

U.S. Compact funds provided the funding for the new generator.

The Seabees also provided hands-on training for the maintenance crew. The training included the step-by-step procedures required to maintain the generator in good working order. ***(U.S. Embassy Kolonia)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
A Navy Seabee provides hands-on training for the maintenance crew of the new generator.

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The U.S. Navy Seabee turned over a new $130,000 emergency generator to the Pohnpei State Hospital on Sept. 5.

Business

US wealth gap putting the squeeze on state revenue

WASHINGTON (AP)—Income inequality is taking a toll on state governments.

The widening gap between the wealthiest Americans and everyone else has been matched by a slowdown in state tax revenue, according to a report being released Monday by Standard & Poor's.

Even as income for the affluent has accelerated, it's barely kept pace with inflation for most other people. That trend can mean a double-whammy for states: The wealthy often manage to shield much of their income from taxes. And they tend to spend less of it than others do, thereby limiting sales tax revenue.

As the growth of tax revenue has slowed, states have faced tensions over whether to raise taxes or cut spending to balance their budgets as required by law.

"Rising income inequality is not just a social issue," said Gabriel Petek, the S&P credit analyst who wrote the report. "It presents a very significant set of challenges for the policymakers."

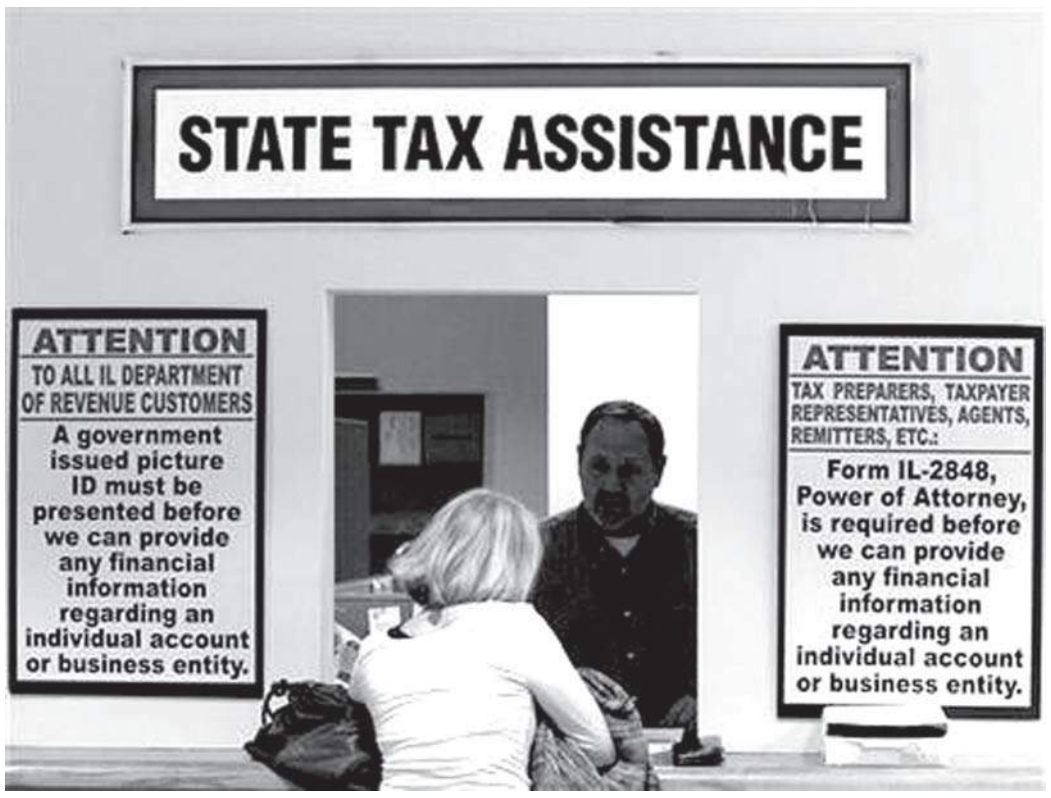
Stagnant pay for most people has compounded the pressure on states to preserve funding for education, highways and social programs such as Medicaid. Their investments in education and infrastructure have also fueled economic growth. Yet they're at risk without a strong flow of tax revenue.

The prospect of having to raise taxes to balance a state budget is a politically delicate one. The allure of low taxes has been used by states to spur job creation, by attracting factories, businesses and corporate headquarters.

"If you've got political pressure to spend more money and pressure against raising taxes, then you're in a pickle," said David Brunori, a public policy professor at George Washington University."

Income inequality isn't the only factor slowing state tax revenue. Online retailers account for a rising chunk of consumer spending. Yet they often manage to avoid sales taxes. Consumers are spending more on untaxed services, too.

S&P's analysis builds on a previous report this year in which it said the widening gap between the wealthiest Americans and everyone else has slowed the U.S. economy's recovery from the Great Recession. Because consumer spending fuels about 70 percent of the economy, weak pay growth typically slows economic growth.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In this April 16, 2012 file photo, an Illinois Department of Revenue employee offers assistance to income tax payers at the Illinois Department of Revenue in Springfield, Ill.

Hurdles for Obama health law in 2nd sign-up season

WASHINGTON (AP)—Potential complications await consumers as President Barack Obama's health care law approaches its second open enrollment season, just two months away.

Don't expect a repeat of last year's website meltdown, but the new sign-up period could expose underlying problems with the law itself that are less easily fixed than a computer system.

Getting those who signed up this year enrolled again for 2015 won't be as easy as it might seem. And the law's interaction between insurance and taxes looks like a sure-fire formula for confusion.

For example:

■ For the roughly 8 million people who signed up this year, the administration has set up automatic renewal. But consumers who go that route may regret it. They risk sticker shock by missing out on lower-premium options. And they could get stuck with an outdated and possibly incorrect government subsidy. Automatic renewal should be a last resort, consumer advocates say.

■ An additional 5 million people or so will be signing up for the first time on HealthCare.gov and state exchange websites. But the Nov. 15-Feb. 15 open enrollment season will be half as long the 2013-2014 sign-up period, and it overlaps with the holiday season.

■ Of those enrolled this year, the overwhelming majority received tax credits to help pay their premiums. Because those subsidies are tied to income, those 6.7 million consumers will have to file new forms with their 2014 tax returns to prove they got the right amount. Too much subsidy and their tax refunds will be reduced. Too little, and the government owes them.

■ Tens of millions of people who remained uninsured this year face tax penalties for the first time, unless they can secure an exemption.

"It's the second open enrollment, but the first renewal and the first tax season where the requirements of the Affordable Care Act are in place," said Judy Solomon, vice president for health policy at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, which advocates for low-income people, and supports the law.

"The fact that it is all going to be occurring within an overlapping and relatively short time frame ... means that there will be many issues," she added.

At Foundation Communities, an Austin, Texas, nonprofit serving low-income people, Elizabeth Colvin says more volunteers will be needed this year to help new customers as well as those re-enrolling. Last time, her organization's health insurance campaign lined up 100 volunteers. She figures she will need a minimum of 50 more.

"We have less than half the time than last year, and it's over the holidays," she said. "We have a concern about trying to get more people through the system without shortchanging education, so that consumers know how to use the insurance they're enrolling in,"

Dutch stage tomato fight against Russian sanctions

AMSTERDAM (AP)—Hundreds of young Dutch men and women turned Amsterdam's central Dam square into a blizzard of red goop on Sunday, as they pelted each other mercilessly with overripe tomatoes.

In theory, the event was set up as a protest against Russian sanctions blocking imports of European fresh produce. In practice, most participants turned out to experience the joy of smacking a loved one—or total stranger—with tomato pulp at close range.

The idea was lifted from Spain's famed annual "La Tomatina" festival in Bunol.

"It was hard in there. It was mean. But it was fun," said a beaming Lois Bloedjes, who came with her sister Sil. "Everything became one big pile of mush. There were people swimming in it on the ground."

Sil described the smell in the mush pit as "awful" and "somewhat like beer," but the tomatoes that actually got in her mouth—"the taste was actually not bad."

Tickets to the one-hour fight cost 15 euros ($18) each and around 1,000 were sold.

Organizer Joep Verbunt said proceeds will go to tomato growers hurt by the sanctions.

The Netherlands vies with Mexico as the world's largest tomato exporter, and it sent $100 million worth to Russia last year. Dutch farmers have been offered a subsidy to either dispose of excess crops or donate them to food banks.

Verbunt purchased 120,000 tomatoes labeled unfit for human consumption for the event.

With music pumping from a podium, the participants—most of whom were wearing white before the fight started—counted down from 10 to zero. Then a shipping container full of the fruit was emptied into the arena.

The area was fenced off to prevent casual passers-by from being hit—but many tried to climb the fences or peer inside to see what was happening.

The leftover tomato sludge will be cleaned and sent to a biogas production facility.

"It was beautiful," said participant Dennis de Jong, who exited the arena with tomato chunks in his hair, down his pants, and even a few bits stinging his eyes where they had seeped in past the swimming goggles he wore for protection. "They have to do this every year."

Strength in numbers when tackling office's smoking area policy

YOUR OFFICE COACH

By MARIE G. MCINTYRE
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

Marie G. McIntyre is a workplace coach and the author of "Secrets to Winning at Office Politics."

Q: My problem involves the smokers who gather in front of our office. Because we work in a government agency where security is tight, all employees are required to use the main entrance. The official smoking area is located just a few feet from this door, so anyone entering or leaving the building has to pass through a cloud of smoke.

This is supposed to be a smoke-free facility, and the majority of employees are not smokers. However, the smoking group includes many high-level managers who find it convenient to take their breaks by the front door. I have discussed this issue with my supervisor, but she has no suggestions. As a non-smoker, do I have any rights in this situation?

A: Any rights you may have will be determined by applicable government policies and state or local laws. If your agency is in compliance with these regulations, then there's not much you can do legally. But if the front-door smoking area represents a violation, you could choose to report it to the responsible authorities. Of course, your nicotine-addicted bosses might not be too thrilled about this.

There is a less-adversarial option, however. Instead of leading a solo crusade, recruit a like-minded group from the nonsmoking majority and spearhead a petition to move the smoking section to a less-populated area. After collecting as many signatures as possible, request a group meeting with the appropriate official. Taking united action will not only reduce the political risk, but will also have greater impact.

If you have difficulty enlisting supporters, their reluctance may signal a fear of retribution. Should this appear to be a realistic possibility, just be sure to proceed with caution.

Q: One of my employees can't seem to get along with anyone. "Jenny" does excellent work, but she is extremely critical of her colleagues and constantly makes insulting remarks about them. When people disagree with her, she cuts them off and refuses to listen. On her worst days, Jenny will fly into hysterical tirades and threaten to sue everyone for harassment.

So far, Jenny has shown no sign of taking responsibility for these damaged relationships. Her mid-year review is coming up, and I want to make it clear that this disruptive behavior needs to change. However, despite all the drama, I don't want to lose her. How should I approach this discussion?

A: You don't want to lose her? Really? Based on your description, I would expect you to throw a party if Jenny announced she was leaving. Her long-suffering colleagues would undoubtedly be jubilant. While this woman may excel at certain tasks, she has obviously failed miserably at the basic job requirement of working well with others.

To determine whether Jenny is capable of change, you will need to engage in a very firm and direct performance coaching process. This plan must include specific consequences for noncompliance, up to and including termination of employment. If you refuse to consider that option, you will automatically give Jenny the power to ignore your requests.

Nation

Public housing safety policy can hit whole family

NEW YORK (AP)—Wanda Coleman sits in the New York City public housing apartment where she's lived for 25 years, surrounded by empty rooms, bare walls and suitcases lined up by the front door.

Any day now, she and her teen daughter will be evicted and have no other option than to go to a homeless shelter—partly because of her son's criminal case.

"Why should I be accountable for something that my son did that had nothing to do with my apartment?" asked 48-year-old Coleman, sighing into a surgeon's mask she wears for severe asthma.

Federal public housing guidelines allow for a whole family to be evicted for one family member's alleged criminal activity—even if it occurred elsewhere and no one in the household knew about it. The so-called "One Strike and You're Out" policies aimed at keeping public housing safe have long been criticized by housing advocates as unfair. The federal government three years ago urged changes to related policies because stable housing is seen as one of the best ways to prevent recidivism among ex-offenders.

But so far, housing authorities across the country have begun only limited programs to ease restrictions.

A New York City Housing Authority pilot program started last year will let up to 150 people leaving prison be admitted to public housing to reunite with their families with supportive services. Similar programs have also started in Los Angeles and New Orleans.

But Coleman, tainted by her son's 2009 drug possession case, will not be able to reapply to public housing for three years.

Under federal guidelines set up in the 1990s, residents can be evicted regardless of whether they have been arrested or convicted of crimes. Evidence used in tenancy hearings simply has to meet the lower threshold of civil case requirements, not criminal ones. And defendants are not guaranteed representation by an attorney.

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In this Aug. 26, 2014, photo, Wanda Coleman looks through her evictions notices and documents in her public housing apartment in New York.

New York City, the nation's largest public housing authority, filed 838 such cases last year, according to public records obtained by legal aid lawyers. It could be years before the eviction cases are resolved.

In 2009, Tyrone Coleman, was arrested for possession of crack cocaine while he lived with his mother. Her attorneys say he was merely in the wrong place at the wrong time—arrested at the home of a friend where drugs were found in another room—but that initiated an eviction case even before he pleaded guilty to avoid a trial.

NYCHA says Wanda Coleman was evicted party because of her son's criminal activity—he was arrested a second time before the eviction ruling was reached, though that case was dismissed—and "chronic nonpayment" of rent that could not be ignored.

Coleman and her lawyers said she paid what she owed but she ultimately had no success appealing her hearing officer's ruling. Her son was arrested a third time while she appealed, but Coleman said he wasn't living with her by then.

Housing authority officials say the whole-family eviction policy is in place for the safety of all its residents. Different policies, like the new re-entry program, "apply to different resident groups," spokeswoman Joan Lebow said.

Lawyer: Hopeful tests show dead infants stillborn

By **DAVE COLLINS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The lawyer for a Massachusetts woman arrested after the bodies of three infants were found in her home said Sunday that he's optimistic that forensic testing will show the babies weren't born alive, and therefore weren't harmed or killed by his client.

Erika Murray, 31, was charged Friday with fetal death concealment and other counts after authorities found the bodies in her squalid, vermin-infested home in Blackstone, a town near the Rhode Island border and about 50 miles southwest of Boston. A medical examiner is determining whether the remains were newborns or fetuses, and how they died.

Two weeks ago, state officials took custody of Murray's four children, ages 6 months to 13 years, after discovering the dirty conditions of the home—which prosecutors and neighbors said included soiled diapers piled up 2 feet high and the remains of several animals. Authorities found the bodies of the babies last week after getting a search warrant.

Murray's lawyer, Keith Halpern, told The Associated Press that he's hopeful the tests will show the dead infants were stillborn. He also expects DNA testing to show that Murray and her longtime boyfriend were the parents of the infants.

"I ... am eager to see whether the forensic testing confirms that in fact the children that are deceased ... were never born alive," Halpern said.

Halpern told The Boston Globe in an earlier interview that Murray secretly gave birth to her two youngest children because she was scared, after her boyfriend told her he didn't want any more children after their first two. He told the newspaper Murray tried to conceal from her boyfriend the fact that the two youngest children were hers, and apparently told him she was babysitting them.

Halpern told the AP that Murray was fearful during the five pregnancies, including the ones of her two youngest children and the dead infants. He said it's wasn't clear to him how much of the fear was attributable to the mental illness he believes Murray has and how much was due to real-life concerns.

"Try to imagine the kind of fear and sort of loss of control over your life that would lead a woman to give birth to a child alone on the floor of her bathroom. That's was she was going through," Halpern said, but didn't elaborate on which child or children he was referring to. "This terror just controlled her. She couldn't figure out how to get out of the prison she created for herself.

ACROSS THE NATION

Police: Trooper hurt in ambush conscious, talking

BLOOMING GROVE, Pa. (AP)—A Pennsylvania state trooper who was injured when a gunman ambushed him and killed another trooper outside a police barracks is conscious and talking for the first time since he underwent surgery, a spokesman said Sunday. State police spokesman Trooper Tom Kelly said investigators hope to soon interview Trooper Alex Douglass to get additional information on the attack. The troopers were ambushed around 10:50 p.m. Friday as one of them was leaving the barracks and another was arriving. Cpl. Bryon Dickson of Dunmore was killed. Kelly said in an emailed statement Sunday that police are getting a large number of tips, and some are "fantastic."

Detroit cop faces 2nd trial in 7-year-old's death

DETROIT (AP)—A member of an elite Detroit police unit is set to stand trial again for killing a 7-year-old girl during a 2010 raid on her house that was captured on video by a reality TV crew. Nobody alleges that Officer Joseph Weekley intended to kill Aiyana Stanley-Jones, who had been sleeping on a couch near the front door when officers burst through around midnight in search of a murder suspect. But prosecutors charged him with involuntary manslaughter because they believe he handled his submachine gun recklessly, causing the girl's death. Jury selection starts Monday in Wayne County court, 15 months after Weekley's first trial ended with jurors unable to agree on a verdict.

Victim had helped Ohio man charged in 4 killings

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—One of four men found slain at their homes in a small Ohio city had sought help two days earlier for the man now charged in the killings, according to police records obtained by The Associated Press. Billy Jack Chatman told Bucyrus police two days before he was found dead that he had called an ambulance for Donald Hoffman against Hoffman's wishes after the man collapsed on his floor, according to documents obtained through a public records request. The records show Hoffman, 41, had entered Chatman's house Aug. 30 bloody and reeking of alcohol, the apparent victim of an assault. After Hoffman fell down, Chatman "thought he may need an ambulance so he called" despite Hoffman asking him not to tell anyone about the assault, the report said.

Santa Monica using $1M to evaluate its happiness

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—As Eileen Brown and her dog stand on a bluff at Santa Monica's Palisades Park and survey endless miles of sparkling blue ocean, clear skies and shimmering sandy beaches, she ponders how life could possibly get any better in this corner of paradise.

"Really, it seems just about perfect," the Los Angeles woman concludes.

There's a picturesque pier off in the distance with an old-fashioned merry-go-round that stands nearly side-by-side with the world's first solar-powered Ferris wheel. The sun is shining brightly, the temperature is a pleasant 79 degrees and a light sea breeze makes everything feel just right.

But there's also loads of traffic and a high cost of living, two things that recently prompted the real estate blog Movoto to rate Santa Monica No. 2 on its Top 10 list of America's Most Stressed-Out Suburbs.

To do something about that, the city of 92,000 applied last year for a Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors Challenge grant, proposing that it create a "Wellbeing Project" to determine just how much people in this picture-postcard town really like living here. Santa Monica beat out 300 other U.S. cities in securing $1 million.

This week, officials will begin asking residents how involved they are in community activities, if they know who to turn to in times of crisis, if they know their neighbors, how healthy they are, how lonely they might be and how good an education they believe their kids are receiving. Then they'll examine what changes are needed to make life better.

"It's really about trying to get a much clearer understanding of who the people of Santa Monica are, what they are doing and what we can do on a local government level to help ensure people are thriving," said Julie Rusk, assistant director of community and cultural services.

Some of the other four cities that won grants are going the more traditional route. Houston, for example, plans on building a better trash-collection system.

Rusk says Santa Monica came up with The Wellbeing Project after the launch of its Cradle to Career Initiative in 2011. That effort, to learn how students felt about themselves, began after a tragic period that included a teenager committing suicide by throwing himself off a high-rise hotel.

"What we found out was only a third of kindergarteners were really ready socially, emotionally, physically, cognitively, for kindergarten," Rusk said.

In a community where more than three quarters of adults have college degrees, that was a stunning discovery.

Asia

US man in North Korea given 6 years of hard labor

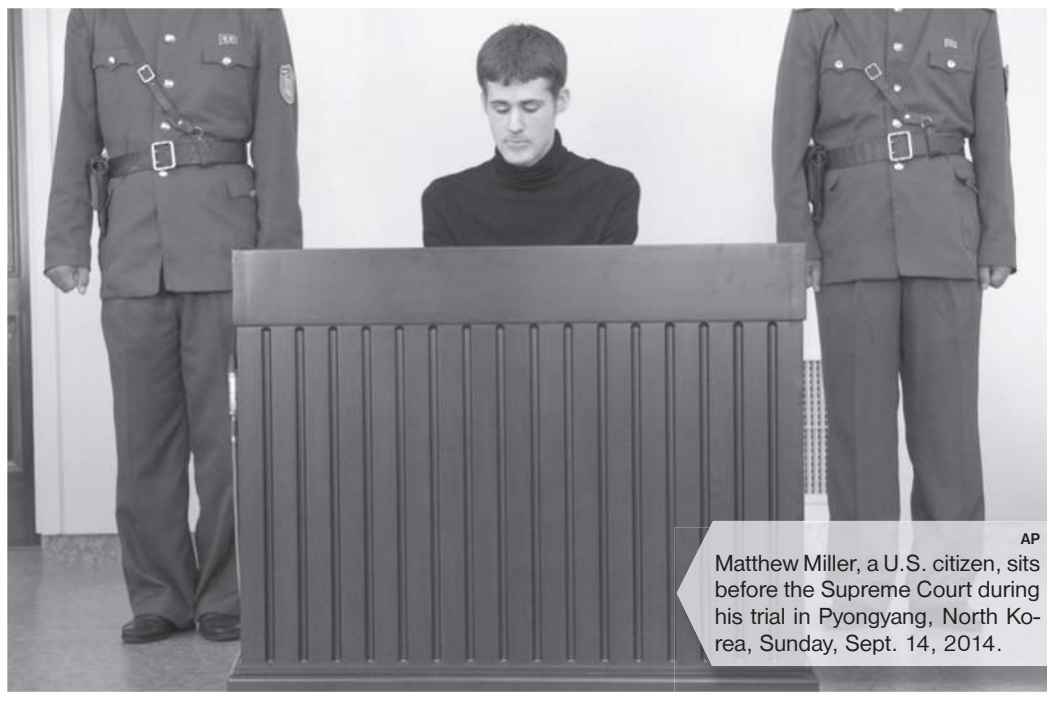
PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—North Korea's Supreme Court on Sunday convicted a 24-year-old American man of entering the country illegally to commit espionage and sentenced him to six years of hard labor.

At a trial that lasted about 90 minutes, the court said Matthew Miller, of Bakersfield, California, tore up his tourist visa at Pyongyang's airport upon arrival on April 10 and admitted to having the "wild ambition" of experiencing prison life so that he could secretly investigate North Korea's human rights situation.

Miller, who looked thin and pale at the trial and was dressed completely in black, is one of three Americans being held in North Korea.

Showing no emotion throughout the proceedings, Miller waived the right to a lawyer and was handcuffed before being led from the courtroom after his sentencing. The court, comprising a chief judge flanked by two "people's assessors," ruled it would not hear any appeals to its decision.

Earlier, it had been believed that Miller had sought asylum when he entered North Korea. During the trial, however, the prosecution argued that was a ruse and that Miller also falsely claimed to have secret information about the U.S. military in South Korea on his iPad and iPod.



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Matthew Miller, a U.S. citizen, sits before the Supreme Court during his trial in Pyongyang, North Korea, Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014.

Miller was charged under Article 64 of the North Korean criminal code, which is for espionage and can carry a sentence of five to 10 years, though harsher punishments can be given for more serious cases.

The Associated Press was allowed to attend the trial.

A trial is expected soon for one of the other Americans being held, Jeffrey Fowle, who entered the North as a tourist and was arrested in May for leaving a Bible at a sailor's club in the city of Chongjin. The third American, Korean-American missionary Kenneth Bae, is serving out a 15-year sentence for alleged "hostile acts."

All three have appealed to the U.S. government to send a senior statesman to Pyongyang to intervene on their behalf.

During a brief interview with The Associated Press in Pyongyang last week, Miller said he had written a letter to President Barack Obama but had not received a reply.

Following Sunday's court verdict, the U.S. State Department urged North Korea to release Miller, as well as Bae and Fowle.

"Now that Mr. Miller has gone through a legal process, we urge the DPRK to grant him amnesty and immediate release," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said in a statement, using North Korea's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Fowle, a 56-year-old equipment operator for the city of Moraine, Ohio, said his wife, a hairstylist from Russia, made a written appeal on his behalf to Russian President Vladimir Putin. He said the Russian government responded that it was watching the situation.

The U.S. has repeatedly offered to send its envoy for North Korean human rights issues, Robert King, to Pyongyang to seek the freedom of the detainees, but without success.

Former President Bill Clinton came in 2009 to free a couple of jailed journalists. Jimmy Carter made the trip in 2010 to secure the release of Aijalon Gomes, who had been sentenced to eight years of hard labor for illegally crossing into the country to do missionary work.

In 2011, the State Department's envoy for North Korean human rights managed to successfully intervene in the case of Korean-American businessman Eddie Yong Su Jun.

The United States has no diplomatic relations with North Korea and strongly warns American citizens against traveling to the country.

Uri Tours, a New Jersey-based travel agency specializing in North Korea tourism that handled the arrangements for Miller, said in an email Sunday that it was working to have Miller returned to his parents in the United States.

"Although we ask a series of tailored questions on our application form designed to get to know a traveler and his/her interests, it's not always possible for us to foresee how a tourist may behave during a DPRK tour," the travel agency said in a statement on Friday. "Unfortunately, there was nothing specific in Mr. Miller's tour application that would have helped us anticipate this unfortunate outcome."

The agency said that as a result of the incident, it now routinely requests a secondary contact and reserves the right to contact those references to confirm facts about a potential tourist. It has also added advice warning tourists not to rip up any officially issued documents and "to refrain from any type of proselytizing."

Hearing planned amid Chinese incinerator protests

BEIJING (AP)—Officials in a southern Chinese town where a proposed garbage incinerator drew thousands of protesters over the weekend say no firm plans have been made for the plant's location and that a public hearing will be held on the issue.

Hundreds of people marched against the project in Bulou county in southern Guangdong province Sunday, a day after 10,000 to 20,000 protesters came out to denounce the plan, according to three residents who spoke to The Associated Press by telephone.

Such public protests are usually prohibited in China, but the growing number of environmental demonstrations across the country reflect growing public concern over the hazards of industrial projects.

The Bulou county government announced late Sunday that local party and government officials met with 30 resident representatives earlier that day and assured them that the location of the incinerator project had not been finalized and that the public would be invited to a meeting about the plan. The county said officials also warned residents that people harboring "ulterior motives," organizing illegal gatherings and spreading rumors online would be severely punished.

The three residents said 3,000 to 4,000 people marched through the town of Luoyang Sunday morning as police in anti-riot gear blocked traffic. The residents gave only their surnames, Chen, Huang and Wang, out of fear of being punished by authorities.

Huang said protesters held banners and chanted slogans, including "Protect our homeland" and "Drive out the garbage incinerator."

Another witness, Chen, said he was among protesters who marched about 2 kilometers (about a mile) to the county government office Sunday. He said he saw police with shields and batons take away three people who had thrown water bottles at them.

At the county building, an official came out with a loudspeaker to tell the crowds that the government had not yet decided on a location for the incinerator, Chen said.

Participants and witnesses estimated that 10,000 to 20,000 people took to the streets Saturday and provided photos showing thick crowds as wide as four car lanes moving down streets. They said the protest was orderly until police snatched banners from the protesters, dispersed crowds by force and dragged away demonstrators and spectators.

Pakistan flood sinks boat carrying wedding party

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Severe flooding sank a boat carrying a wedding party in Pakistan's Punjab province on Sunday, killing the bridegroom and 17 others, officials said.

Senior police officer Mian Tanvir from the nearby city of Multan said the army-run boat carrying over 30 people capsized when it hit debris from a dike that had been blown up earlier in the day to divert waters away from urban areas.

"Divers are searching for the remainders," he said, adding that 18 passengers had been rescued. The army later said in a statement that an officer had drowned while helping in rescue efforts.

Local television showed footage of emergency workers and the wailing father of the bridegroom. The bride was among the rescued.

"We were many people in the boat and water started seeping in and eventually it overturned," she told a reporter from a local television channel, which did not give her name. "I don't know who survived and who we lost."

Separately, three people drowned in the area overnight, senior provincial rescue official Ali Imam Syed said. The deaths, combined with those from the boat tragedy, brought the overall death toll from flooding in Pakistan to 301, he added.

Ahmed Kamal, spokesman for Pakistan's disaster management agency, said the heavy rains and flooding had also injured more than 500 people in Pakistan and Pakistani-administered Kashmir. He said more than 2 million people had been affected.

Some 276,681 people have been evacuated from flood-hit areas while 1.4 million acres of crops and more than 40,000 houses have been either partly or completely destroyed in over 3,000 villages, he added.

Meanwhile, in Indian Kashmir, anger mounted as people accused the government of having been slow to respond to the floods that hit the Himalayan region. Some pelted rescue officials and police boats with stones in Srinagar, the area's main city.

Army troops and India's disaster response force personnel have been carrying out rescue operations since the past week, using helicopters to pick up people stranded on roof tops and tree tops. So far, the army and disaster response teams have evacuated nearly 200,000 people, who are now in relief camps set up in government buildings in safe places.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Japan: More and more, a land of centenarians

TOKYO (AP)—Reaching the century mark remains a relative rarity for humans, but it is increasingly less so, and perhaps nowhere more than in rapidly aging Japan. The number of Japanese who are at least 100 years old, known as centenarians, has reached 58,820, according to the latest government estimate, released every September to mark Respect-for-the-Aged Day, a national holiday that falls on Monday. A Japanese woman is the oldest person in the world, 116-year-old Misao Okawa, according to Guinness World Records. The oldest man is also Japanese, 111-year-old Sakari Momoi. Somewhat appropriately, one of the Japanese characters in Momoi's last name means "100," and his first name Sakari translates as flourishing or the prime of life.

Typhoon slams into northeastern Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A fast-moving typhoon slammed into the northeastern Philippines on Sunday, sparking warnings of possible landslides, flash floods and storm surges. Typhoon Kalmaegi, with sustained winds of 130 kilometers per hour (81 miles per hour) and gusts of 160 kph (99 mph), blew into the boundary of Cagayan and Isabela provinces with no immediate reports of casualties. It was forecast to barrel northwestward through the mountainous north at 22 kph (14 mph) before blowing out Tuesday into the South China Sea, government forecasters said. Residents in at least nine northern provinces, which have been drenched by days of rains, were warned to take precautions and stay away from already soggy mountainsides and swollen rivers. Classes have been suspended in cities and provinces that are expected to be swamped by floodwaters overnight or on Monday.

Pakistan blows up another dike as flooding spreads

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistani authorities say they will blow up another protective dike to spare a city from severe flooding. Spokesman Ahmed Kamal of the country's disaster management agency says experts placed explosives near the dike on Sunday to spare the city of Muzaffargarh from the flooding that has ravaged the eastern Punjab province. Senior provincial rescue official Ali Imam Syed says three people have drowned near Muzaffargarh. A rescue boat carrying 30 people overturned in the same area, but rescuers were able to save everyone.

World

Diplomatic push grows against Islamic State group

PARIS (AP)—Newly outraged by the beheading of yet another Western hostage, diplomats from around the world are in Paris pressing for a coherent global strategy to combat extremists from the Islamic State group—minus two of the main players and without any ground troops—in a conflict that threatens to spill beyond the Mideast.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has been pressuring allies ahead of a conference Monday to show a united front, especially from majority-Muslim nations, saying nearly 40 countries agreed to contribute to a worldwide fight to defeat the militants before they gain more territory in Iraq and Syria.

The White House said Sunday it would find allies willing to send combat forces—something the United States has ruled out—but that it was too early to identify them. The U.S. has so far been alone in carrying out airstrikes.

Several Arab countries offered to conduct airstrikes against the Islamic State group, according to a State Department official traveling with Kerry who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity to discuss diplomat developments during his trip.

A second official gave some examples of what the U.S. would consider a military contribution: providing arms, any kind of training activity and airstrikes.

Muslim-majority countries are considered vital to any operation, although there have only been vague offers of help previously. Iran was struck off the invitation list, and Western officials have made clear they consider Syria's government part of the problem.

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Iraq President Fouad Massoum, right, followed by Iraq Foreign Minister Ibrahim Al-Jaafari, left, arrive with Iraqi officials at Orly airport south of Paris, France, Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014 ahead of a conference with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, French President Francois Hollande and diplomats from around the world.

"Ultimately, this is a fight within Islam, within Sunni Islam," White House chief of staff Denis McDonough told Fox News on Sunday.

"That's why we know that ultimately to defeat and ultimately destroy ISIL, something that is not only in our interest but in the interest of the countries in the region, they are going to need to take the fight to it," he said, using one of the acronyms for the group.

"We'll build, we'll lead, we'll undergird, and we'll strengthen that coalition. But ultimately, they're going to help us beat them on the ground," McDonough said.

But the Paris conference, officially dedicated to peace and stability in Iraq, avoids mention of Syria, the power base of the militant organization gaining territory in both countries by the week. And the U.S. opposed France's attempt to invite Iran, which shares a 1,400-kilometer (870-mile) border with Iraq. The gathering itself will be brief, a matter of a few hours between its start and a planned joint statement.

In an exclusive interview on Sunday with The Associated Press in Paris, Iraq's President Fouad Massoum—a Kurd, whose role in the government is largely ceremonial—expressed regret that Iran was not attending the conference.

Massoum noted "sensitivities between some countries and Iran."

He also seemed not to welcome the possible participation Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia in air strikes in Iraqi territory.

"It is not necessary that they participate in air strikes; what is important is that they participate in the decisions of this conference," he said, underscoring Baghdad's closeness to Iran and how tensions among the regional powers could complicate the process of forming a Sunni alliance.

Speaking in his first interview since becoming Iraqi prime minister, Haider al-Abadi told state-run al-Iraqiyya in comments aired Sunday that he had given approvals to France to use Iraqi airspace and said all such authorizations would have to come from Baghdad.

Residents emerge in shell-shocked Ukrainian city

LUHANSK, Ukraine (AP)—Months of daily shelling reduced the east Ukraine city of Luhansk to a ghost town, silent but for the explosions.

On Sunday, following a cease-fire agreement signed Sept. 5, residents in the second-largest city held by pro-Russian rebels in east Ukraine emerged in a rare show of jubilation that was half celebration, half simply relief at the reprieve in the violence.

The same wasn't true of the largest rebel stronghold of Donetsk, where fighting around the government-held airport has caught many residential neighborhoods in the crossfire. The city council of Donetsk confirmed in a statement Sunday that there were civilian casualties, but couldn't specify how many.

Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council spokesman Volodymyr Polyovyi told journalists that government troops had repelled an attack on the airport by about 200 fighters.

The cease-fire deal has been riddled by violations from the start, and both sides have made it clear that they are regrouping and rearming in case the fighting starts anew.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and German Chancellor Angela Merkel spoke by phone late Sunday and "expressed concern about violations of the cease-fire regime," according to a statement published on the Ukrainian leader's website.

In Crimea, the Black Sea peninsula that Russia annexed from Ukraine in March, residents voted for regional parliamentary elections dominated by Russian President Vladimir Putin's backers, although the results weren't yet available.

Ukrainian Defense Minister Valeriy Heletey told Channel Five on Saturday that delivery of weapons from NATO countries, agreed upon earlier this month, was "under way." Another senior official announced the arms deal last week, although four of the five NATO countries he had mentioned denied those claims.

But despite repeated violations of the cease-fire and tough talk on all sides, the peace deal has allowed for a return to some kind of normalcy for cities like Luhansk, as shell-shocked residents emerge from the basements where they have been hiding for weeks and come to grips with the damage incurred by nearly five months of fighting.

Luhansk's population of about 250,000 people, reduced because of the war, celebrated "city day" on Sunday, which opened on a somber note as priests led hundreds of residents in prayer in commemoration of those killed during a government-mounted siege of the city.

Damage to basic infrastructure left much of the city without power and running water since early August. Around Luhansk, smashed windows, burned-out buildings and craters in the road are testimony to an imprecise, often indiscriminate shelling campaign.

Britain mourns slain hostage; another under threat

LONDON (AP)—Now it's Britain's turn to mourn.

British aid worker David Haines has been beheaded—like two American journalists before him—and the Islamic State group is threatening to kill a fourth captive.

A grisly video released by the group showing Haines' body both mocks the West and raises the pressure on Western leaders. It concludes with a death threat against British hostage Alan Henning, shown in the same kind of orange jumpsuit the other three were wearing when they were killed.

Prime Minister David Cameron praised the 44-year-old Haines on Sunday as a British hero, and his family asked that he be remembered for devoting his life to helping civilians caught in deadly conflicts.

Haines is the third Westerner beheaded in recent weeks by the Islamic State group, which has seized large parts of Syria and Iraq and, according to Cameron, poses a "massive" threat to the rest of the Middle East.

"They are killing and slaughtering thousands of people—Christians, Muslims, minorities across Iraq and Syria," Cameron said after an emergency meeting with military and security chiefs.

"They boast of their brutality. They claim to do this in the name of Islam. That is nonsense. Islam is a religion of peace. They are not Muslims, they are monsters," he said.

Cameron said the group is planning attacks against Britain and the rest of Europe, and that Britain has to step up its counterterrorism efforts.

Britain will support U.S. military efforts against the Islamic State group by using British forces to help with logistics and intelligence gathering, he said, but will not send ground troops.

Cameron also raised the prospect that the black-clad, knife wielding Islamic State extremist on the video—who speaks with an East London accent—may in fact be a British man who has joined the terrorists.

UN: 1 Chadian peacekeeper dead in northern Mali

BAMAKO, Mali (AP)—A U.N. military vehicle struck a land mine Sunday in the volatile Kidal region of northern Mali, killing a Chadian soldier and wounding four other peacekeepers, a spokesman for the U.N. mission in the West African country said.

Spokesman Olivier Salgado told The Associated Press that the land mine was triggered in the vicinity of Aguel'hoc.

The region has been the scene of earlier mine explosions, including one that killed four U.N. peacekeepers and wounded 14 others earlier this month.

There was no immediately claim of responsibility for Sunday's explosion but previous mines have been blamed on Islamic extremists linked to al-Qaida.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and the Security Council strongly condemned the attack in separate statements.

"These attacks will not alter the determination of the United Nations to support the Malian people in their search for peace," Ban said his statement.

Northern Mali fell under control of Tuareg separatists and then al-Qaida-linked Islamic extremists following a military coup in 2012. A French-led intervention last year scattered the extremists, but some remain active and there have been continued bursts of violence.

U.N. troops are now trying to stabilize the north, and peace talks have begun between the Malian government and Tuaregs, who maintain a heavy presence in Kidal and have pushed back against the authority of the Bamako-based government. Al-Qaida is not participating in those discussions.

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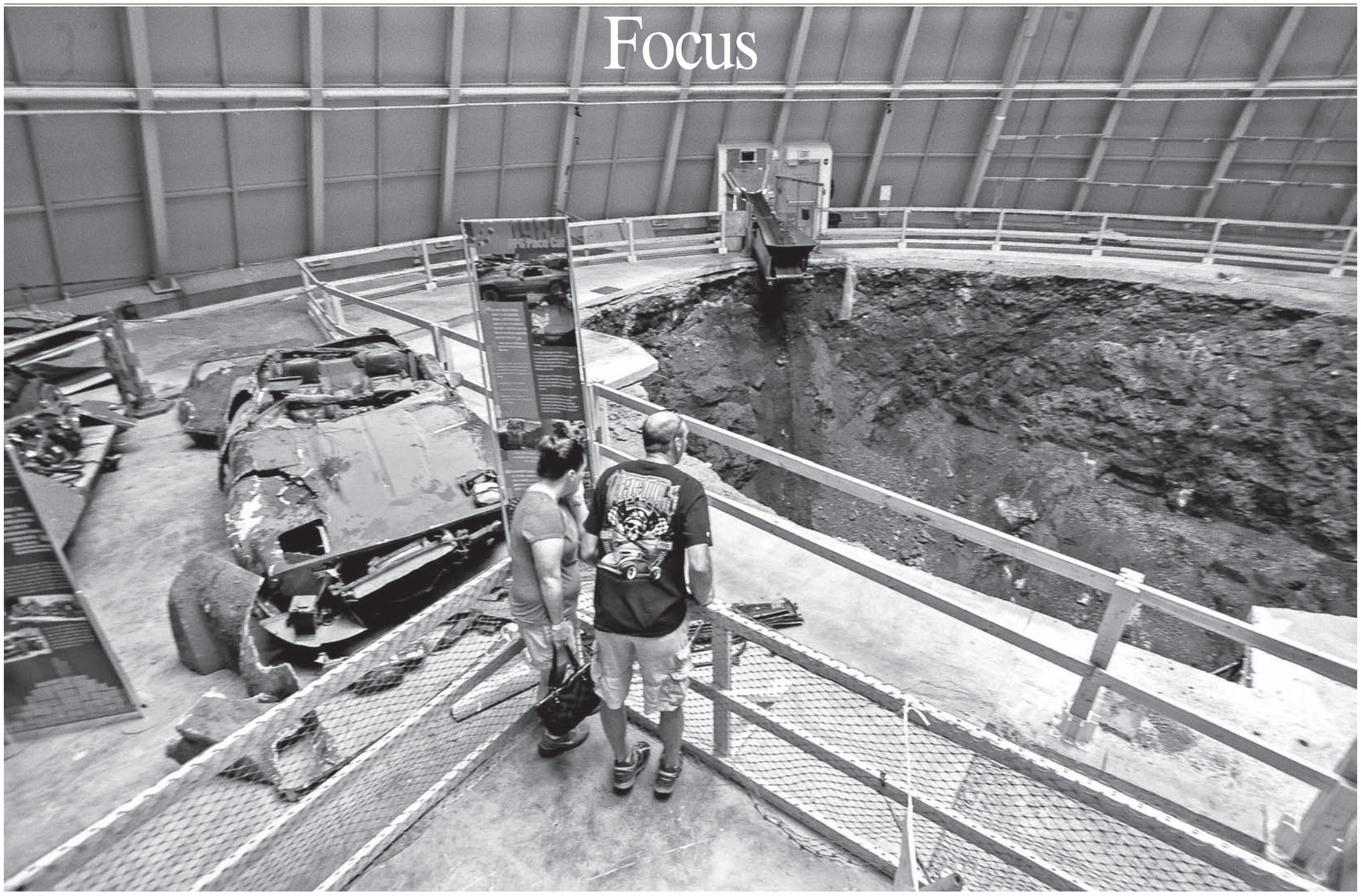

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Kimberly, left, and David Tompkins lean over to take a look at the sinkhole during a visit at the National Corvette Museum on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014, in Bowling Green, Ky. A massive sinkhole that swallowed eight prized sports cars won't be a permanent attraction. The museum's board of directors voted Saturday to fill in the entire hole that opened up in February and became an Internet sensation. Curiosity over the hole revved up attendance and revenue for the museum.

When sinkholes open, they can swallow fortunes

By BRUCE SCHREINER
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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Solid ground isn't always a certainty. Sinkholes can lurk anywhere, beneath suburban homes, city streets or even football stadiums and museums.

It's basic geology: Sinkholes open when soil collapses into large holes, caused by flowing water in underground limestone. Their toll can be dramatic, swallowing homes, trees or anything else on the collapsing ground—even prized Corvettes.

The Southeastern U.S. is prime territory for the geological phenomena—a potentially costly game of subterranean roulette.

In Tennessee, a sinkhole opened during renovations on the football stadium at Austin Peay State University. What started as a small hole turned into a chasm 40 feet deep and 40 feet wide as a repair crew dug to find its source.

In Kentucky, a sinkhole gobbled eight classic cars on display at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green. Corvettes, piled like toys in a heap of dirt and concrete fragments, became an Internet sensation, boosting museum attendance.

And in Florida—ground zero for sinkholes—Tina and John Furlow were forced from their home near Tampa when a sinkhole caused so much damage that the repairs would have exceeded the value of the three-bedroom house with a nice pool. They now live in a used recreational vehicle.

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This Feb. 12, 2014 file photo shows a view of a sinkhole that opened up in the Skydome showroom at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Ky.

"It has been miserable," Tina Furlow said. "It is taking its toll on us. We decided we need to get off this merry-go-round."

For every sinkhole that causes property damage, scores open in fields and other obscure places.

"In the Southeast U.S., there are hundreds of sinkholes every day and they don't get reported ... or they don't cause damage," said Jason Polk, professor of geology and geography at Western Kentucky University.

Earlier this year, sinkholes opened at high-profile spots about an hour and a half apart: the Corvette Museum in south-central Kentucky and the football stadium at Austin Peay State in Clarksville, Tennessee.

During renovations at Austin Peay's Governors Stadium, a sinkhole was discovered where the football field meets the track. Workers needed seven days to fix it, said Mike Jenkins, superintendent for Nashville-based Bell & Associates Construction. The hole was plugged with layers of boulders, concrete, smaller rocks and a layer of cloth-like material to prevent moisture from seeping through. Then came another application of rocks, capped by asphalt.

"I'm pretty confident that the work we did won't become an issue again," Jenkins said.

Austin Peay played its first football game in the renovated stadium Saturday against Chattanooga, losing 42-6.

At the Corvette Museum, the 60-foot-long, 45-foot-wide, 30-foot-deep sinkhole opened in the Skydome display area in mid-February. The place that showcases automotive engineering will highlight another engineering feat when workers fix the hole. The project is expected to last six months and cost millions of dollars, said museum spokeswoman Katie Frassinelli.

The museum will remain open during repairs.

Workers will stabilize the sinkhole walls with metal sheets, then fill it with about 4,000 tons of crushed limestone. Grout—a mixture of sand and cement—will be poured into dozens of holes drilled into the rock, supporting steel and concrete pillars beneath the floor. Concrete flooring will complete the project.

Elsewhere, in one extreme case, a 37-acre sinkhole opened two years ago in southern Louisiana and has been swallowing land ever since. Scientists believe it formed after an underground salt dome cavern had some sort of collapse or breach of its outer supporting sidewall of salt.

In Florida, the nation's most sinkhole-prone state, a sinkhole in 1981 swallowed sports cars, parts of two businesses, the deep end of a swimming pool and a three-bedroom Winter Park home. In 2013, a Florida man died when a sinkhole opened under his bedroom.

Homeowners often find clues to a sinkhole problem through cracks in the foundation or a shifting floor. When a sinkhole threat has been established, crews can pump a thick grout into the ground to fill the holes.

"There are no typical cases with a sinkhole," said Sandy Nettles, who owns a geology consulting company in the Tampa, Florida, area. "It just depends on where the building is. We get a lot of them that opened underneath a house. You can run around the house and see no evidence of the sinkhole, but the interior of the house is subsiding or collapsing."

The Furlows had no clue a sinkhole had formed on their property until John Furlow fell into the hole beside the house, said his wife, Tina.

They tried sticking it out but finally left when her husband developed a lung infection from mold in the house, she said.

"We put every penny into that house thinking we would live and die there," she said.

Overdrive

Harley-Davidson gives sneak peek of electric prototype

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THE KANSAS CITY STAR

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Rich Guieb, left, assists Brad Lowrance as he simulates riding an electric motorcycle on at Worth Harley-Davidson in Kansas City, Mo. on Thursday, Sept. 4. The motorcycle maker is showcasing the electric bike as it seeks to attract more women, young adults and minority customers. Those groups have been less interested in Harley's traditional heavy bikes.

"What the hell is wrong with freedom? That's what it's all about."

—Billy, in the movie "Easy Rider"

It didn't end well for Captain America and his sidekick, Billy, while riding their Harley-Davidsons in the 1969 film. But a story about a couple of rebels chasing freedom on the open road suited a generation.

Or at least enough of it to give Harley-Davidson plenty of customers over the years as they became prosperous enough to afford a motorcycle that can cost $20,000 and up.

But times change, baby boomers age and Harley-Davidson, facing a demographic free-fall, is in the midst of a shift to ensure its future.

Though baby boomers remain the company's bread and butter, it has begun snagging more women, minorities and young adults with the new cheaper and lighter Street 500 and 750 models built at its Kansas City, Mo., plant.

And then there's Project LiveWire, a prototype electric motorcycle that rolled into Kansas City on Thursday. Consumers examining the bike saw that it's a far cry from the "hogs" that made Harley-Davidson famous.

Though no decision has been made yet to mass produce it, the prototype sends a signal, say observers, that more is afoot. The company wants to be "cool" to a new generation and known for doing more than producing your father's motorcycle.

"They don't want to become the Oldsmobile of motorcycles," said Tom O'Guinn, a consultant and marketing professor at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Harley-Davidson, born in 1903, has had its struggles. It suffered from mismanagement and imports in the 1980s. The company surged back and, at its peak, fueled by baby boomer cash, sold 349,000 motorcycles in 2006. That was a 10-fold increase from 1986. After its peak, the company was slammed by the recession and has slowly recovered.

In 2013, it sold 260,000 motorcycles with roughly a third coming from international sales.

But the decline in sales couldn't all be chalked up to bad economic times. The number of baby boomers who owned motorcycles was beginning to drop, and they were the ones that most preferred the "hogs."

The share of boomers among motorcycle owners in the U.S. fell from nearly half in 2012 to 36 percent in 2009 and has continued to decline, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council.

Also ebbing was a key group of baby boomer customers in their 50s with incomes topping $100,000.

"I am a great believer that when you are over 50, you still want to be 30," Nigel Villiers, a Harley executive in Europe, said in an interview with the publication New Perspectives. "You buy the right clothes, the right shoes and accessories and, when you're over 50, you can actually afford it."

Chris Harrison, recreational riding manager for the American Motorcycle Association, is optimistic Harley-Davidson can overcome the demographic crunch. The Street 500 and 750, which cost less than half the heavier cruiser and touring models, can bring in younger adults. Once they get used to them they may trade up to more expensive bikes.

"It is a pivotal cycle," he said.

But any shift will need to avoid alienating its core group of older customers.

Dick Carpenter, 68, lives in Pleasanton, Kan., where he owns and restores Harley-Davidsons. He admits to being old-fashioned and doesn't much care for the idea of a Harley-Davidson electric bike.

"Personally, I wonder if it is worth doing," he said.

Several of the electric bikes are making an appearance in Kansas City through Saturday. The bikes, if you have a motorcycle driver's license, are available for test drives.

On Thursday, they got plenty of interest.

Brenda Willaims, 50, has ridden behind her husband for years on his Harley-Davidson. She liked the automatic transmission and smaller size of the electric bike, although in the end she decided not take a test drive.

"It's not as intimidating as the bigger bikes," she said.

The bike is low slung and mostly black instead of sporting gobs of chrome, and it's meant for city driving.

Being a Harley-Davidson, it doesn't go quietly into the night. Electric motors don't make much noise, but Project Live Wire's sounds like a revved-up jet fighter.

"It looks (and sounds) aggressive even though it's electric," said John Mink, a company spokesman.

The bike has a 55-mile range in combined city/highway driving, and some attending Thursday's event said that would have to be extended if they bought one.

Kansas City is a stop on a nationwide tour to get consumer reaction. A tour in Canada and Europe is planned next year. Any decision to mass produce the electric bike would happen sometime after then.

Harley-Davidson customers are still overwhelmingly male and white. But the company says that in 2013 it was the top seller of on-highway motorcycles to women, under-35 adults, African Americans and Hispanics.

Much of that is due to reaching out to those groups.

For years, Harley-Davidson has been a sponsor of the National Bikers Roundup, which was founded by African-American motorcycle clubs in 1977 in Kansas City, Kan. It's an annual event at various locations around the country and now attracts 1,000 clubs. It comes back here every 10 year.

Harley-Davidson brings bikes for test drives.

"They're selling a lot more," said Rozell Nunn Jr., who a decade ago bought one of the bikes.

One of the best signs of the shift for Harley-Davidson may be at the movies.

"Easy Rider" was a dark movie with both Captain America, played by Peter Fonda, and Billy, played by Dennis Hopper, discovering that freedom was actually another word for something left to lose when they were gunned down while riding their motorcycles.

The real Captain America wouldn't have stood for that. A comic superhero from the 1940s, he fought Nazis and went on to deal with various villains including the Flag-Smasher.

In the movie "Captain America: The Winter Soldier," released earlier this year, he charges toward a hovering airship of villains on a Harley-Davidson Street 750.

The price of freedom was high, he tells his followers, but it always has been. And if he was the only one who felt that way, then so be it.

"But I'm willing to bet I'm not," he says.

UNDER THE HOOD

Parasitic load issue solvable with some investigating

By BRAD BERGHOLDT
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q: I bought a brand new 2010 Hyundai Tucson. Since it was new, if I do not run the car every day the battery goes dead in about a week. The Hyundai garage has tried several things to fix it. They cannot find the problem. Is there a common problem with this car?—Gabbie

A: Gabbie, your Tucson appears to be suffering from what's called a parasitic load. Something, somewhere, is slowly stealing electricity from the battery and converting it into light, heat, motion, or sound. The cause could be something as simple as an accidentally activated cargo lamp or as complicated as a network module failing to go to sleep, when parked. Your statement that you need to drive it every day confuses me a bit. Do you drive only short distances each day? If so, this makes it difficult for the charging system to replenish energy lost continuously by the demon— and I could see how things might go downhill over the course of a week.

Testing for a parasitic load involves connecting a sensitive ammeter between the battery and vehicle, typically by disconnecting the negative cable. With all doors, rear hatch, and hood closed, and all electronic modules given a chance to go to sleep (perhaps requiring up to 30 minutes), the meter will indicate either normal or excessive battery drain. All vehicles burn a small quantity of electricity—about 50 milliamps or so—to keep module memories alive. This tiny drain might take 5-6 weeks while parked to become a problem. It's odd your shop hasn't been able to identify the excessive drain or its cause. Perhaps it's occurring intermittently or doesn't reappear right away after a battery disconnection/reconnection. A clamp-on ammeter is less accurate but would allow more convenient/frequent checks and eliminate disconnection.

Is your parking location quite steep or oddly angled that twists the Tucson's chassis? I've seen enough odd situations with hair-trigger door switches and changing nighttime temperatures to wonder if an early hours trip outside to check for an illuminated dome light might pay off. This problem should be solvable, possibly by a different shop and/or with your own detective work.

Q: I bought my 2013 Hyundai new and shortly thereafter a popping noise would occur after the car was driven and then parked for about two to five minutes. It came from the right rear of the car (exhaust manifold I am told) and sounded like a gas can vacuum bubble. Never owned a car that did this and this is my third Hyundai. Unfortunately, also the one I like the least. I have spoken with the service department and they say it is nothing to worry about but, now it is happening shortly after I start the car. Service says if it get louder (than what I ask?) to let them know. I just want to be sure it is safe.—Georgia McMarlin

A: This is a tough one without hearing the noise and spending time beneath the car. It sounds like you are describing a single pop, as opposed to a repetitive ticking, which is the typical exhaust heat shield cooling-down noise. My hunch would be a fuel tank venting issue, which should not be of large concern, but needs to be identified and fixed. How about asking the Hyundai dealer folks to duplicate the noise for you in another identical car? If they are unable to do so, I'd make Hyundai customer service (800) 633-5151 aware of your displeasure. Their service engineering folks may have additional info on this situation that can be provided to your servicing dealer.

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Life & Style

Miss New York chosen as Miss America 2015

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Miss New York Kira Kazantsev was named the new Miss America Sunday night, marking the third year in a row that a contestant from her state has walked away with the crown in the nationally televised pageant.

Kazantsev received the crown at Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall from outgoing Miss America—and Miss New York—Nina Davuluri.

For her talent performance, Kazantsev sang Pharrell Williams' "Happy" while sitting cross-legged on the stage and banging a red plastic cup on the floor.

She named combating sexual assault in the military as the issue about which she would want female U.S. Senators to press their male counterparts.

The first runner-up was Miss Virginia Courtney Paige Garrett.

Other top 5 finalists were Miss Arkansas Ashton Jo Campbell; Miss Florida Victoria Cowen; and Miss Massachusetts Lauren Kuhn.

Miss North Dakota, Jacky Arness was chosen by her peers as Miss Congeniality.

The pageant shone a positive light on the struggling seaside gambling resort, which has been in the national news for all the wrong reasons lately: a rash of casino closings, thousands of unemployed workers, and a domestic violence case involving a former NFL star.

AP

Miss America 2014 Nina Davuluri, top, crowns Miss New York Kira Kazantsev as Miss America 2015 during the Miss America 2015 pageant, Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014, in Atlantic City, N.J.

For three hours Sunday night, America got a different look at Atlantic City. The Miss America pageant presented an upbeat view of the city where it began in 1921.

It featured iconic Atlantic City visuals including its beach, Boardwalk, the Steel Pier, Black Fish Pier near Brigantine, and the Atlantic City Beach Patrol station.

"Atlantic City is facing a challenging economic climate and our hearts go out to all of those who have lost their jobs," said Sam Haskell III, CEO of the Miss America organization. "We hope that our Miss America telecast ... will generate great interest for Atlantic City on a national scale as we showcase their beautiful beaches and Boardwalk."

There has been no shortage of compelling story lines leading up to the selection of the next Miss America, including the way personal tragedy has shaped the public service platforms of several contestants. The brother of Miss Wisconsin Raeanna Johnson killed himself after a secret addiction to methamphetamine. Her platform was the impact of substance abuse on the family.

The father of Miss Kansas Amanda Sasek killed himself when she was 17. Her platform was helping people find their strengths. And Miss Delaware Brittany Lewis is still waiting for an arrest to be made in the 2010 slaying of her sister. Her platform is combating domestic violence.

There was drama and even some low-brow comedy leading up to the finale. Miss Rhode Island, Ivy DePew, collapsed onstage during the first night of preliminary competition, but made it back the next night after two trips to the hospital for dehydration.

And supermodel and business mogul Kathy Ireland took the stage to burp on command on a dare from pageant host Dena Blizzard on the second night.

'No Good Deed' defeats 'Guardians' at theaters

LOS ANGELES (AP)—It took a murderous Idris Elba and a pair of dolphin buddies to defeat "Guardians of the Galaxy" at movie theaters.

The Sony thriller "No Good Deed," which stars Elba as an escaped convict and Taraji P. Henson as the innocent he terrorizes, opened on top of the box office with $24.5 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. And Sony wasn't surprised.

"It's a movie that we really loved and felt that it was going to win," said Sony distribution chief Rory Bruer. "You have to give it to the cast in Idris and Taraji. Their chemistry together is fantastic."

The film nearly doubled its reported budget in its first week of release, said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak.

"It's the first brand new, post-summer release to really catch on," he said.

The Warner Bros.' feel-good film "Dolphin Tale 2" debuted in second place with $16.5 million. The family-friendly story stars Morgan Freeman and Ashley Judd reprising their roles from the 2011 original.

"Guardians" slipped to third place with $8 million in ticket sales. The Marvel space adventure, which held the No. 1 spot for four weeks, is the top-grossing film of the year domestically, collecting more than $300 million in North America and $600 million worldwide.

Paramount's "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" finished fourth with $4.8 million, followed by the Fox comedy "Let's Be Cops," which collected $4.3 million.

Fox Searchlight's crime drama "The Drop," which stars Tom Hardy and the late James Gandolfini, opened in sixth place with $4.2 million—an impressive showing given it only played in 809 theaters.

1. **"No Good Deed,"** $24.5 million.
2. **"Dolphin Tale 2,"** $16.5 million ($1.3 million international).
3. **"Guardians of the Galaxy,"** $8 million ($9.3 million international).
4. **"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles,"** $4.8 million ($10.5 million international).
5. **"Let's Be Cops,"** $4.3 million ($2.5 million international).
6. **"The Drop,"** $4.2 million.
7. **"If I Stay,"** $4 million ($3.2 million international).
8. **"The November Man,"** $2.7 million.
9. **"The Giver,"** $2.6 million ($3 million international).
10. **"The Hundred-Foot Journey,"** $2.4 million.

Q&A: Mathis on new box set, yoga and 'Simpsons'

By MESFIN FEKADU
AP MUSIC WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Chances are you haven't heard these Johnny Mathis albums—but that will change.

The 78-year-old singer is dropping a 13-CD box set of unsuccessful commercial albums released from 1963 to 1967, when Mathis left his longtime label, Columbia Records, for Mercury Records and Global Records, his own production company.

"The Complete Global Albums Collection" will be released on Nov. 17. It includes 10 albums that have been digitally mastered. It also features an unreleased album of Broadway show tunes and two albums that contain other unreleased songs and non-album singles.

In an interview with The Associated Press, the "Chances Are" singer—who is listed to perform two dozen live shows this year—talked about the box set, recording new music, trying yoga and appearing on "The Simpsons."

AP: What was it like when you left Columbia for your own label in the '60s?

Mathis: I didn't have the luxury of a producer and it kind of shows on a lot of the stuff, but it was a good adventure for me. I did get a chance to meet Quincy Jones and become really good friends with him because he was at a high-level position at Mercury Records.

Mathis

AP: Did you enjoy the responsibility?

Mathis: I did some good stuff at Mercury, but I was kind of lonely and didn't have the checks and balances that I have at Columbia, so after about two years I kind of exhausted all my energies, but I'm very happy that I did something earlier on in my career that made me realize that nobody, and I mean nobody, does anything in this world by themselves. You need a lot of help.

AP: Are you working on new music?

Mathis: I just recorded a couple of Christmas songs. One with David Koz, a wonderful friend of mine and great saxophone player, and I sang with the Count Basie Orchestra.

AP: Since you've had a long career, would you ever consider mentoring young talent on a show like "American Idol"?

Mathis: I'm a little ambiguous about shows like that. Giving advice to someone on such a short notice ... I think it's kind of good publicity for the celebrity who is sitting there ... You can't be really too sure of yourself when you're seeing someone sing one song. I realize it's a great outlet for anyone who wants to perform ... but it can be a little disheartening ... It's kind of good, kind of bad. I don't watch it. I cringe when these so-called celebrities tell these people what they should do.

AP: How was life been outside of music?

Mathis: I'm trying to figure out how much exercise I need ... Someone said, "Have you ever tried to do some yoga stuff?" ... I'm torn between starting a whole new routine of exercises or sticking with the ones I have. That's the thing that happens I think with performers who get a little older and wonder how they can keep their appearance up.

AP: How's the yoga going?

Mathis: This is my third day. I need a little bit more time. I've seen it and I know people who do it and I thought: "Let's try it. Let's see." Because it's very good for breathing, I know that and that's a very big, big part of what I do onstage. ... I get up at 4:30 in the morning to go to my gym classes and I have been doing that for a very long time ... but the yoga thing is about a week old and we'll see how long that lasts.

AP: What are your goals?

Mathis: Well, you know what, I went out yesterday and had an epiphany about my golf game, and it really, really helped me. Golfing is very addictive and I'm able to do it because I put aside a lot of time to do it. ... I also have a lot of interaction with people who have projects that they want me to get involved with, and most of it is music. ... I did something the other day that was kind of fun. I went and recorded dialogue for a show called "The Simpsons."

AP: That's so cool!

Mathis: Yeah, I know. I thought that was the coolest thing I've done in a long time. ...I went to the studio...and the guy who does Homer Simpson was recording a lot of stuff, and I sat fascinated, listening to him go over and over certain lines... then I did my little part. I am playing an English gardener who is beset by a lot of gophers and I sing a little bit of "Chances Are" ... changed the words a little bit of the song and it's all about, you know, I got this torch, this blow torch that I'm killing gophers with (laughs).

Pharrell invites Swedish feminist leader on stage

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Pharrell gave a Swedish feminist party a shout-out during a performance in Stockholm a day before Sweden's general election.

At the end of his show Saturday, Pharrrell invited on stage Gudrun Schyman, the leader of a small party that's campaigning on women's rights.

An online video clip showed Pharrell and the 66-year-old Schyman dancing hand in hand as he performed "Happy."

Schyman left the ex-communist Left Party in 2003 to found Feminist Initiative. The party won a seat in the European Parliament earlier this year and polls suggest it could get the 4 percent support that's needed in Sunday's election to enter parliament.

Feminists have criticized Pharrell for producing the song Blurred Lines, which they say promotes rape culture, but he has recently spoken out in favor of women's rights.

Lamar says Swift's remarks help himself and hip-hop

Lamar

ATLANTA (AP)—Kendrick Lamar appreciated Taylor Swift for paying homage to his music in a recent interview.

Lamar was grateful to hear about Swift knowing the words to his lyrics and putting her in a great mood. The rapper praised the country music star for speaking highly of his music, saying her admiring remarks show hip-hop shouldn't be categorized for one listener.

"Some people always try to lock it down and categorize it for one particular listener," Lamar said at the fifth annual ONE Musicfest in Atlanta on Saturday night. "But it moves all, even people from other genres."

In a recent interview with Rolling Stone, Swift said listening to Lamar's music helps change her mood from feeling "victimized" to "awesome." She said her "go-to" song is Lamar's "Backseat Freestyle," a record featured on his Grammy-nominated album, "Good Kid, M.A.A.D City."

"I appreciate Taylor Swift for supporting not only my music but just the hip-hop culture," he said. "There's really no gap. It's music and it feels good."

Lamar spoke backstage with The Associated Press after his 90-minute performance at the Aaron's Amphitheatre at Lakewood. He was one of the headliners with rapper Nas of the one-day festival, which also featured Jhene Aiko, Method Man & Redman and Bilal.

During his set, Lamar often squatted with the microphone in his right hand, thanking fans for helping his rise to fame. The Los Angeles-based rapper spoke about when he used to visit Atlanta to perform in front of small crowds.

Lamar didn't perform any new songs. But it didn't seem to matter to many in attendance, who recited the lyrics from several of his hit songs from "Swimming Pools (Drank)" to "Poetic Justice."

"I remember when I used to perform in front of 200 people," Lamar told several thousand attendees. "Now, it's a sea of people. I'm glad to see the growth here. It speaks volumes about the hip-hop culture."

Police detain 'Django Unchained' actress in LA

AP

Actress Daniele Watts and Brian Lucas speak during an interview with KABC-TV in Los Angeles, Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An actress who appeared in "Django Unchained" said she was misidentified as a prostitute by police when she was only showing affection to her white companion.

The Los Angeles Police Department said Sunday that officers detained Daniele Watts and her companion last week after a complaint that two people were "involved in indecent exposure" in a silver Mercedes. Watts was detained until police determined no crime was committed.

On a Facebook page that appears to be associated with the actress, Watts says she was guilty only of showing affection in public. Her companion wrote on the social media site that because she is black and he is white, onlookers assumed them to be a prostitute and client.

Police say an internal investigation has been launched. Representatives for Watts did not return calls and emails seeking comment.

People's Choice Award to "Imitation Game" at TIFF

TORONTO (AP)—A World War II code-breaker drama starring Benedict Cumberbatch has won the top prize at the Toronto International Film Festival.

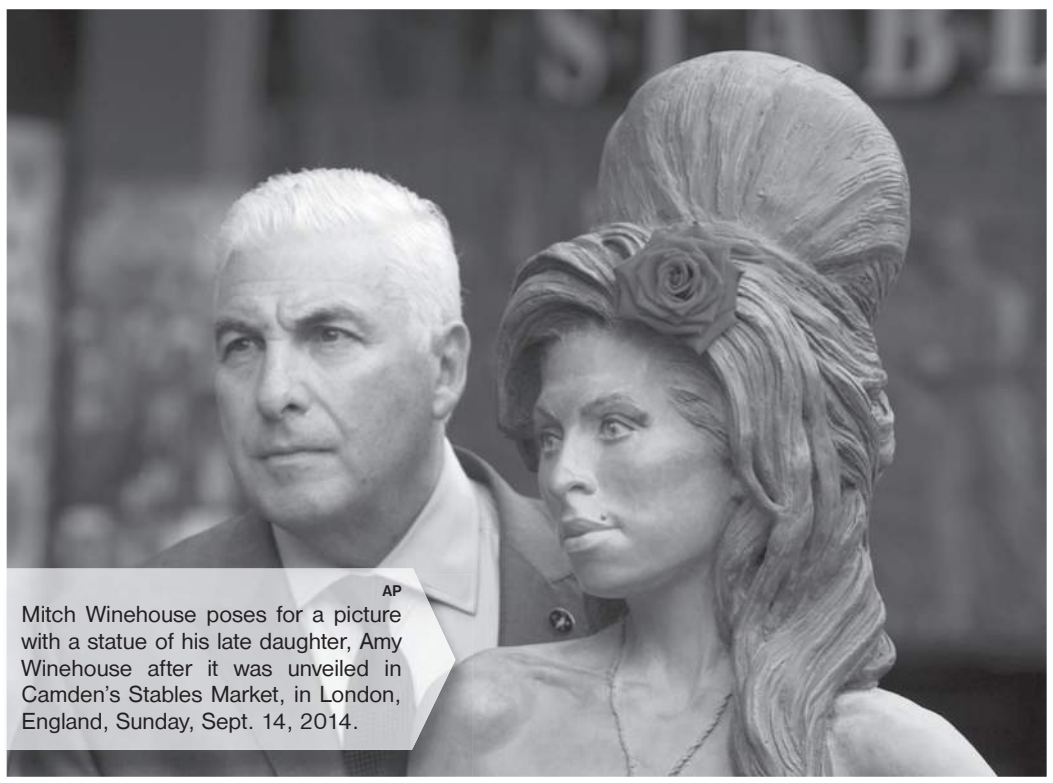
Director Morten Tyldum's "The Imitation Game" claimed the coveted Grolsch People's Choice Award on Sunday.

Cumberbatch plays World War II British code-breaker Alan Turing. The role is complicated because Cumberbatch not only must convey the mathematical brilliance of Turing, but the pressure he faced as a closeted gay man at a time when homosexuality was criminalized.

The film also stars Oscar nominee Keira Knightley and Matthew Goode.

Three of the past six People's Choice Award winners have gone on to win the Oscar for best picture, including "The King's Speech," "Slumdog Millionaire" and last year's victor, "12 Years a Slave."

Statue of singer Amy Winehouse unveiled in London



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Mitch Winehouse poses for a picture with a statue of his late daughter, Amy Winehouse after it was unveiled in Camden's Stables Market, in London, England, Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014.

LONDON (AP)—Late singer Amy Winehouse has been honored on what would have been her 31st birthday with a life-size statue in her beloved Camden Town neighborhood of north London.

Winehouse's many fans will have no problem recognizing the singer, who is portrayed sporting her distinctive beehive hairdo.

Winehouse's father Mitch said Sunday it was "incredibly emotional" to see the statue.

"It is like stopping her in a beautiful moment in time," he said. "We really hope Amy's fans love the statue."

Winehouse died three years ago after battling drug and alcohol abuse.

Her family has set up a foundation to help young people struggling with similar problems.

Sendak collection leaving library in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A small Philadelphia museum that houses more than 10,000 pieces by illustrator Maurice Sendak will be returning most of the collection to the author's estate.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reports trustees for Sendak's foundation are reclaiming the artwork based on instructions in his will. He died in 2012.

Sendak is best known for his classic book "Where the Wild Things Are." He had a decades-long relationship with the Rosenbach museum and library in Philadelphia.

But Sendak wanted his home in Ridgefield, Connecticut, to be operated as a museum. Rosenbach officials say his artwork, manuscripts and other ephemera will be sent back starting next month.

The Rosenbach will retain about 600 Sendak pieces. The author also left the institution rare editions of books by Herman Melville and Henry James.

Husband's 'educational' DVDs get flunking grade from wife

DEAR ABBY: I am a full-time mother of three young children and have been married for nine years. Since the beginning, my husband has pushed to have things "his way." He struggles with his temper and has yelled at me over little things.

We have met with a counselor and were showing improvement in our marriage—or so I thought—until he started pushing me to watch explicit sex DVDs and read sex books. I feel very uncomfortable doing this. He claims he wants us to watch them for "educational reasons." He seems obsessed with the idea that we have to get the most out of life NOW because we are getting older.

I know we have some big issues to overcome and plan to continue seeing our counselor, but do you have any advice?

STRUGGLING IN THE SOUTH

DEAR STRUGGLING: I'm all for getting the most out of life regardless of how old a person is. And I'm pleased that you and your husband are talking to a licensed therapist, because it may help to save your marriage.

Many couples watch "explicit" sex DVDs together because it improves their sex lives. Depending upon the content of the ones your husband is watching, it could add spice to your sex life. But because it is making you uncomfortable, this is something that should be discussed with your therapist so you won't feel coerced into anything you can't handle.

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my early 60s. I take good care of myself and have been told I'm attractive. I have been in a monogamous relationship with "Frank" for six years. I love him and he loves me, but I'm not sure I want to marry him.

I know I couldn't live with Frank full-time because even though he's 57, he lives like an immature frat boy. He has sports memorabilia all over his house, and he's messy. There are piles of paper and stacks of clothes everywhere. He is a hoarder, a procrastinator and has OCD.

Frank and I are best friends. We have an amazing physical relationship, but I feel I want more. I don't think he's willing to change his ways at this point in his life. Should I accept this relationship for what it is, or look for someone more compatible with my lifestyle, as hard as that would be?

TORN IN TEXAS

DEAR TORN: I think you should have a talk with Frank and lay your cards on the table. You say he is a hoarder, a procrastinator and has OCD. If you are right, they may all be connected. His house isn't the only thing that may be chaotic; his mind may be, too.

The good news is there is help for OCD and hoarding—but only IF HE IS WILLING TO GET IT. If he is open to it, your relationship could go to the next level. However, if he is resistant and marriage is what you want, it would be better to move on and find someone whose lifestyle is more like your own.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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Calvin and Hobbes

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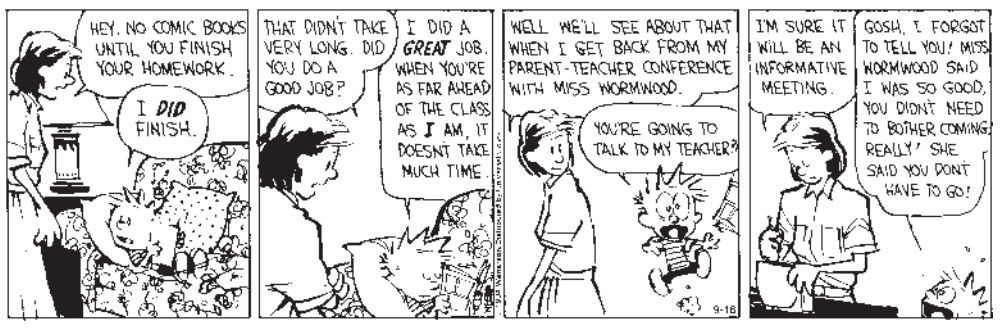
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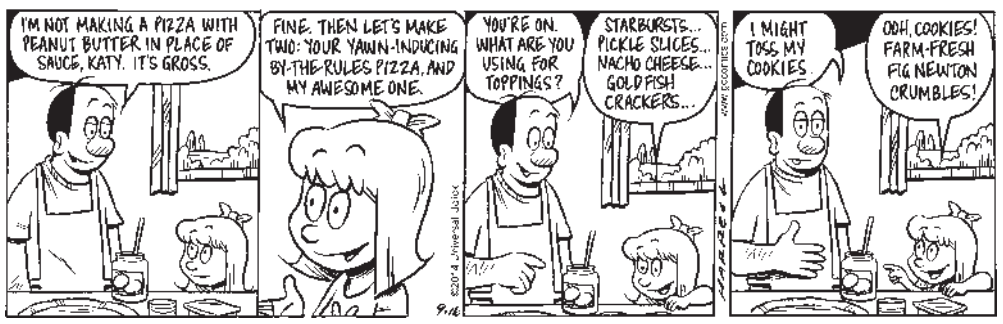
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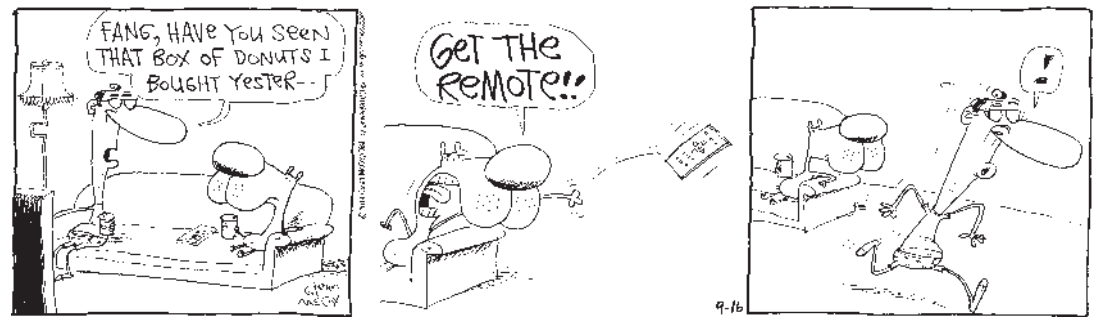
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Phony
5 Impact sound
8 Dispatched
12 Domesticate
13 "— was saying ..."
14 Individually
15 Fix manuscripts
16 Fencing material
18 Spy's device
20 Full-length
21 Rowing need
22 Ostrich's cousin
23 Frighten
26 Keg accessory
30 Witticism
31 Evergreen variety
32 — Schwarz
33 Type of pie
36 Money of Denmark
38 Feedbag morsel
39 Golf prop
40 Oak nut
43 Family
47 Hootenanny rendition
49 Press
50 Amos' pal
51 Homer's interjection
52 Toy block name
53 Roger of "Cheers"
54 Addnl. phone
55 Swag

DOWN
1 Crock-Pot creation
2 "— but known ..."
3 Eastern potentate (Var.)
4 — shower
5 Kiddie-lit pachyderm
6 Now, on a memo
7 Russian orbiter until 2001
8 In the bag
9 Secular
10 Beige
11 Sharpen
17 Push slightly
19 Highland hat
22 Listener
23 Pump up the volume
24 Rawls or Reed
25 $ dispenser
26 Stannum
27 E.T.'s craft
28 Fellow
29 "The Raven" writer
31 Healthy
34 1982 teen comedy movie
35 Nebr. neighbor
36 Barbie's companion
37 Second cup of coffee, e.g.
39 Snug
40 Somewhere out there
41 Scoop holder
42 Shoppe description
43 Kentucky fort
44 Sandwich cookie
45 Corporate symbol
46 Entanglement
48 Rhyming tribute

Solution time: 22 mins.

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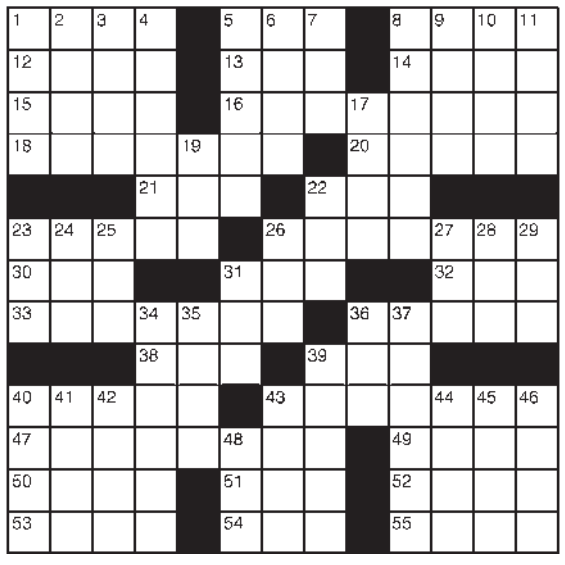

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Jump into action to settle differences regarding a financial and emotional issue. You will be surprised how much you can resolve if you are open and honest. Compromise is easy if you look at both sides of a situation. ✪✪

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Finish what you start. The less contact you have with others, the easier it will be to move forward with your personal plans. Learn to say no to someone constantly putting demands on you. Do what's best for you. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Fill your day with activity and lots of chatter and socializing. Make quick decisions and organize precisely in order to fit in everything you want to do. You will learn something fascinating if you interact with people from different backgrounds. ✪✪✪

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Work in solitude to avoid people who upset you. Don't count on anything going according to plan. Unexpected change will take place, so prepare to deal with the inevitable. Don't count on anything or anyone and you won't be disappointed. ✪✪✪

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do what you can to make a difference. Listen to the concerns that other people feel are important. Your insight and knowledge will help you supply solutions and in turn, boost your reputation and put you in a great position for advancement. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Refuse to let the little things get to you. Take time to reflect on the past, but refrain from being self-critical regarding the choices you've made. Learn from the experience you have gained and head into a new beginning with awareness and confidence. ✪✪

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your interests will mount regarding people from different backgrounds or beliefs. Take part in community events and you will benefit from the encounters you have and the knowledge you gain. Reach out to reconnect with someone you miss. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Making improvements to your surroundings will benefit you regarding a personal business venture. An unusual investment will bring additional interest if you share your thoughts and intentions. Keep your costs down and your plans simple and enticing. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll stand out in the crowd, so be on your best behavior if you want to attract positive attention. Let your wit and intelligence be your guide, not your brawn and bravado. Anything is possible if you have a positive, congenial attitude. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let the past hold you back. Revenge is a waste of time and stands between you and being successful. Don't worry about what others do or say. Focus on your assets and utilize your talents to rise above controversy. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Think about your future and how you can make the most of the knowledge you have gained along the way. It's up to you to recognize and take advantage of any opportunity that allows you to follow your dreams. ✪✪✪

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Difficulty Level ★★ 9/16

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8	5	9	4	7	1	2	6	3

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By DAVID OUELLET

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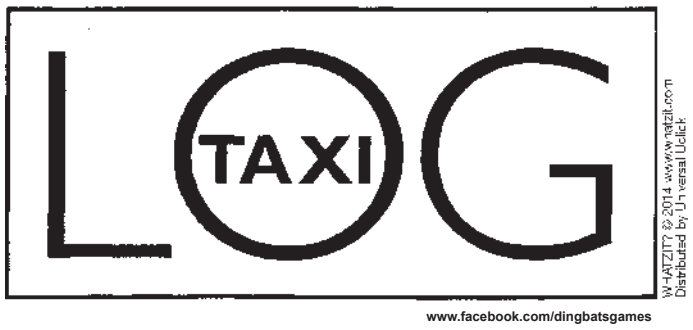

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Gates' 3 TD catches carry Chargers to 30-21 upset

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The San Diego Chargers didn't need a 12th man against the Seattle Seahawks.

The blazing sun sure helped, especially when the temperature on the field at kickoff reached 120 degrees.

"Heat was a big issue—that's the first time it's ever happened to me," safety Earl Thomas said after the Seahawks lost 30-21.

Seattle's vaunted defense was on the field most of the game, unable to stop the Chargers. At one point, Thomas received an IV.

"You have to fight through it, next man up and try to get out there as quickly as possible," he said.

The Chargers used an old, familiar combo—Philip Rivers to Antonio Gates—to upset the defending Super Bowl champion Seahawks.

Gates had three touchdown catches, including a spectacular, one-handed grab, and the Chargers controlled the tempo to keep Russell Wilson and Marshawn Lynch off the field to beat the Seahawks 30-21 victory Sunday.

The 34-year-old Gates scored on catches of 8, 8 and 21 yards.

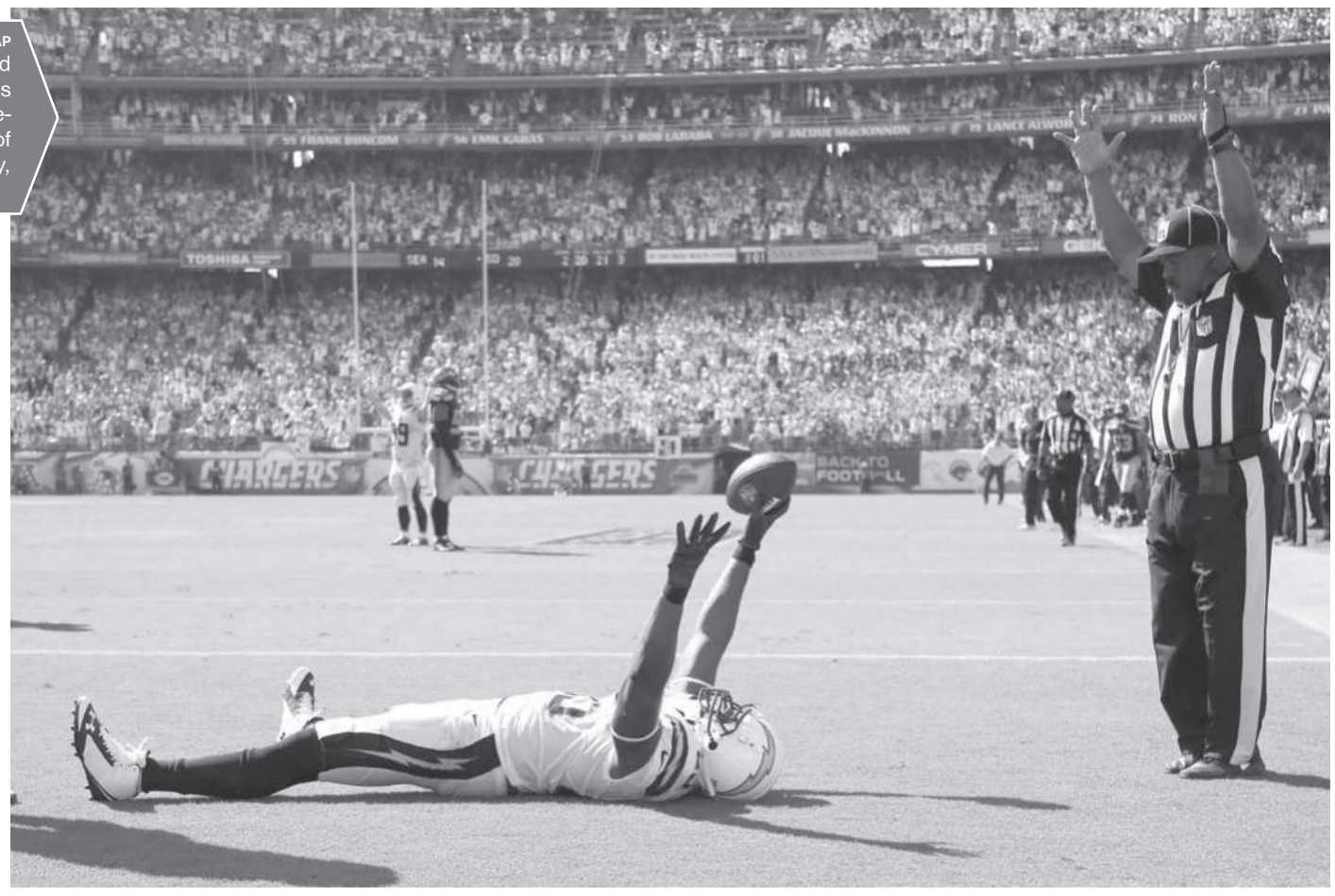
The 21-yarder was epic, as the star tight end split two defenders and extended for Rivers' pass, reaching out with his left hand to gather it in. Flat on his back in the end zone, he held up the ball to show the referee he'd made the catch that gave San Diego a 27-14 lead late in the third quarter.

The three touchdown receptions tied Gates' career high. Rivers was 28 of 37 for 284 yards.

Seattle was efficient when it had the ball, but it just didn't have it enough as the Chargers dominated time of possession on a steamy afternoon at Qualcomm Stadium.

AP

San Diego Chargers tight end Antonio Gates celebrates his touchdown against the Seattle Seahawks during the second half of an NFL football game on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014, in San Diego.



Redskins 41, Jaguars 10

In Landover, Md., Robert Griffin III dislocated his left ankle and DeSean Jackson sprained his left shoulder in the first quarter, then Kirk Cousins stepped in. He completed 22 of 33 passes for 250 yards and a pair of touchdowns Sunday in Washington's romp past Jacksonville.

Griffin was carted to the locker room with his leg in a splint and could be out for two months. He will undergo X-rays to determine if the ankle is broken.

Cousins subbed for Griffin and completed his first 12 passes. Ryan Kerrigan had four of the Redskins' 10 sacks, and Washington's defense didn't allow Jacksonville (0-2) past midfield until the final two minutes of the first half.

Washington (1-1) outgained Jacksonville 449-148.

Bears 28, 49ers 20

In Santa Clara, Calif., Jay Cutler passed for three fourth-quarter touchdowns after much of Chicago's starting defense went down in the regular-season debut of Levi's Stadium.

Cutler threw three TD passes to Brandon Marshall, two in the wild fourth quarter, as Chicago (1-1) erased a 13-point deficit and quieted the sellout crowd. Cutler threw for two scores in a 27-second span early in the final period, aided by the gutsy play of a backup cornerback.

Rookie Kyle Fuller made two late interceptions for the depleted Chicago secondary, and the first set up the go-ahead score.

San Francisco's Colin Kaepernick drew an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for "inappropriate language" following Fuller's first big play. Cutler threw a 3-yard TD pass to Martellus Bennett as the Bears went ahead 21-20.

Kaepernick threw three interceptions in all and lost a fumble for the Niners (1-1).

Browns 26, Saints 24

In Cleveland, Billy Cundiff kicked a 29-yard field goal with 3 seconds left. Cundiff's kick helped the Browns (1-1) snap a nine-game losing streak in home openers and gave rookie coach Mike Pettine his first NFL win.

Brian Hoyer drove the Browns 85 yards in 14 plays in the final 2:46 to set up Cundiff's winner. Hoyer completed several big passes, none more crucial than his 28-yarder to Andrew Hawkins with 13 seconds to go.

The Saints (0-2) rallied from a 13-point deficit to take the lead on Mark Ingram's 1-yard TD run with 12:12 left. Drew Brees threw two touchdown passes to Jimmy Graham and moved into fourth place on the NFL's career passing list.

Down 24-23, Cleveland took over at its 4. Missing suspended receiver Josh Gordon and without injured Pro Bowl tight end Jordan Cameron and running back Ben Tate, Hoyer calmly took the Browns down the field.

Packers 31, Jets 24

In Green Bay, Wis., Aaron Rodgers threw for three touchdowns, Jordy Nelson had a career-high 209 yards receiving and the Packers rallied from an 18-point deficit.

New York appeared to tie it with 5 minutes left on a 37-yard catch by Jeremy Kerley on fourth down — but it was negated because the Jets (1-1) called a timeout from the sideline just before the snap. The Packers (1-1) held on from there to avoid their first 0-2 start since 2006.

Randall Cobb caught two short scoring strikes and a 2-point conversation that gave the Packers a 24-21 lead in the third quarter.

Green Bay (1-1) went up 31-24 late in the third quarter when Nelson worked a double move on Dee Milliner for an 80-yard touchdown catch.

Bengals 24, Falcons 10

In Cincinnati, One Bengals player after another hobbled off and headed to the locker room. They still had more than enough to stay unbeaten with a win over Atlanta (1-1).

Running back Giovani Bernard picked up the depleted offense by running for 90 yards. Cincinnati's defense held down Matt Ryan and the Bengals won their home opener and improved to 2-0 for the first time since 2006.

But Pro Bowl receiver A.J. Green aggravated an injured toe on his right foot, and didn't catch a pass for the first time in his four-year career. Tight end Alex Smith injured his left biceps, right guard Kevin Zeitler hurt his right calf, and Pro Bowl linebacker Vontaze Burfict left in the second half with a pinched nerve in his neck. Burfict suffered a concussion in a season-opening win at Baltimore and missed practice during the week.

Bills 29, Dolphins 10

In Orchard Park, N.Y., C.J. Spiller scored on a 102-yard kickoff return, and rookie receiver Sammy Watkins had a 12-yard touchdown catch.

The Dolphins (1-1) also lost a key offseason addition when running back Knowshon Moreno did not return after hurting his left elbow 11 minutes in.

Spiller and Watkins, the Clemson connection, both scored in the third quarter, putting Buffalo (2-0) ahead 23-10.

The Bills rode the momentum of a charged-up crowd in a home opener that celebrated the franchise's past and future. The Bills paid tribute to late owner Ralph Wilson, who died in March. On Tuesday, Wilson's estate reached a "definitive agreement" to sell the team to Terry and Kim Pegula for an NFL-record $1.4 billion.

Patriots 30, Vikings 7

In Minneapolis, Tom Brady and the Patriots took advantage of Adrian Peterson's absence and Matt Cassel's four interceptions.

Chandler Jones returned a field goal he blocked for a touchdown right before halftime.

Brady went 15 for 22 for 149 yards, one touchdown and no turnovers, and Cassel's first start against his close friend and former mentor was a dud. Devin McCourty, Darrelle Revis, Logan Ryan and Dominique Easley all picked him off, setting up 17 points for the Patriots, prompting "Teddy! Teddy! Teddy!" chants from the crowd for the rookie Bridgewater.

Peterson was shelved for the game after a charge of child abuse was levied against him Friday in Texas.

Broncos 24, Chiefs 17

In Denver, Terrance Knighton batted away Alex Smith's fourth-and-goal pass to Dwayne Bowe with 15 seconds left.

The Broncos (2-0) thought they had sealed the win twice earlier on the drive. Aqib Talib's interception return for a TD was negated when Quanterus Smith jumped offside. Then Nate Irving's fumble recovery following DeMarcus Ware's sack and strip was ruled an incomplete pass after a replay.

The Chiefs (0-2) converted 11 of 16 third-down opportunities overall. They just couldn't capitalize in the biggest moments as the Broncos mustered two goal-line stands for the second straight week.

Peyton Manning was 21 of 26 for 242 yards and three TDs.

Panthers 24, Lions 7

In Charlotte, N.C., Cam Newton made a successful return to the field, throwing for 281 yards and a touchdown. Newton, who missed the season opener with a rib injury, was 22 of 34 and overcame five sacks. Carolina started 2-0 for the first time since 2008.

Trailing 7-6 in the third quarter, the Panthers took advantage of back-to-back Detroit turnovers and scored on three straight possessions.

Carolina's defense, playing without Pro Bowl defensive end Greg Hardy, had three takeaways and held the Lions (1-1) scoreless in the first half one week after Matthew Stafford and company put up 35 points against the Giants. Hardy, convicted on two counts of domestic violence on July 15, was a surprise inactive.

Stafford was sacked four times.

Cowboys 26, Titans 10

In Nashville, Tenn., DeMarco Murray ran for 167 yards and a touchdown and Dan Bailey kicked four field goals. The loss spoiled Tennessee first-year coach Ken Whisenhunt's home debut.

Dallas (1-1) scored the first 16 points of the game in the first half.

Even the beleaguered Dallas defense got into the act, coming up with two sacks and two interceptions.

Tony Romo easily shook off his three interceptions in the season-opening loss to San Francisco. With Murray running so well, Romo was 19 of 29 for 176 yards and a TD.

The Titans (1-1) struggled in all areas after winning their opener at Kansas City.

Texans 30, Raiders 14

In Oakland, Calif., J.J. Watt caught a 1-yard touchdown pass, Arian Foster ran for 138 yards and a score and the Texans won their second straight game.

Instead of controlling the game from his usual defensive end position, Watt made his biggest impact on the opening drive when he lined up as a tight end. He caught a pass from Ryan Fitzpatrick to get Houston (2-0) started.

After losing their final 14 games in a two-win season in 2013, the Texans have opened strong under new coach Bill O'Brien.

The home opener for the Raiders (0-2) hardly could have gone worse as they fell behind 27-0 after three quarters.

Rams 19, Buccaneers 17

In Tampa, Fla., Greg Zuerlein's fourth field goal, a 38-yarder with 38 seconds remaining, gave third-string quarterback Austin Davis and the Rams a tight win.

Davis completed 22 of 29 passes for 235 yards with no interceptions in his first NFL start. Zac Stacy had a 2-yard touchdown run in the first quarter, and Zuerlein also delivered field goals of 36, 35 and 46 yards to help the Rams (1—1) rebound from a lopsided opening loss to Minnesota.

Bobby Rainey rushed 144 yards and quarterback Josh McCown had two short TD runs for the Bucs (0-2). Tampa moved into St. Louis territory in the closing second. The game ended when rookie Mike Evans was slow getting up after a 29-yard reception to the St. Louis 32.

Horschel caps amazing run with FedEx Cup

AP
Billy Horschel hits from the tee on the second hole during the third round of play in the Tour Championship golf tournament Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014, in Atlanta.

ATLANTA (AP)—Just three weeks ago, Billy Horschel had every reason to start looking ahead to next season.

He had missed the cut in the first FedEx Cup playoff event to fall to No. 82 in the standings. He only had two top 10s all year, scant evidence that he was on the verge of something special. He was weeks away from becoming a father.

What followed was the best golf of his life, and a payoff that was more than he could grasp.

"I'm not sure life can be better than this," Horschel said.

Horschel capped off his improbable playoff run Sunday at East Lake by pulling away from Rory McIlroy early and holding off Jim Furyk late. He posted his 12th straight round in the 60s—a 2-under 68—to win the Tour Championship by three shots and claim the FedEx Cup and its $10 million bonus.

That's what these FedEx Cup playoffs are all about — who can get the hot hand over the last four tournaments.

Horschel took that to a level only Tiger Woods can appreciate. No one had ever won the FedEx Cup starting the playoffs lower than No. 19. Horschel started at No. 69. But he was the runner-up in Boston, a winner in Denver and he cashed in big in Atlanta.

Those three weeks of prize money and the FedEx Cup bonus were worth nearly $13.5 million.

"I remember flying home and talking with my wife and she said, 'You're probably just waiting for the season to be over and start a new season.' I sort of was," Horschel said. "But at the same time, I knew my game was in the right shape and I just needed to get out of my own way. I needed to allow my golf game to show."

It was just too late to show Ryder Cup captain Tom Watson.

Horschel's timing was perfect for the FedEx Cup, not so much for the Ryder Cup. Watson made his three captain's picks after the Deutsche Bank Championship — Horschel was the runner-up — and he had no reason to select a guy whose only PGA Tour win was last year in New Orleans.

Now the Americans head to Scotland without the hottest hand in golf.

McIlroy will have to settle for a year worth more than $10 million — two majors, a World Golf Championship and undisputed No. 1 in the world. He lost his way with a tee shot into the water for double bogey on the par-3 fifth, and self-destructed with three sloppy bogeys around the turn. Three consecutive birdies late in the round gave him a 71 and a tie for second place with Furyk, who closed with back-to-back bogeys for a 69.

This was the Billy Horschel show all week — all month.

Clinging to a one-shot lead, he calmly sank an 8-foot par putt on No. 13 to avoid his first three-putt of the week and stay one shot ahead of Furyk. The biggest blow came at the 16th hole when Horschel drove right into the trees, wisely pitched back to the fairway and saw his approach spin back 30 feet short of the cup.

The putt never looked as if it was going anywhere but in.

"It came off and got up on top of that ridge and I said, 'This looks good.' And it went in, and it was huge," Horschel said. "I knew Jim was nipping at my heels and everything, and that was a big, big putt."

Furyk came up short with his approach on the 17th and made bogey to fall two shots behind, and he three-putted the 18th trying to force a birdie.

That made things easy on Horschel, who drilled his tee shot onto the green for a two-putt par to finish at 11-under 269.

Horschel shared hugs and a few tears with his parents. His wife was home in Florida.

"Hopefully, she's not going into labor right now," he said.

Not to worry. Brittany Horschel tweeted a picture of her smiling with her hands on her belly that said, ""We" made it! congrats daddy!"

McIlroy's birdies at the end earned him a little extra cash. He wound up No. 3 in the FedEx Cup, which paid an additional $2 million.

Chris Kirk, who started the Tour Championship as the No. 1 seed in the FedEx Cup, closed with a 68 and tied for fourth with Justin Rose (69) and Jason Day (69). Kirk was second in the FedEx Cup and earned a $3 million bonus.

It was the second time McIlroy had the biggest year without winning the FedEx Cup. He is a shoo-in to be PGA Tour player of the year, as he was in 2012. He was in better position this time — tied for the lead through four holes — until Horschel pulled away and the world's No. 1 player ran out of steam.

Needing to start picking up ground on the 600-yard ninth hole, he blasted his drive so far right that it wound up a foot away from the out-of-bounds fence of the practice range. There was no way out. With his caddie and a rules official ducking in the holly bushes, McIlroy slashed out with a wedge over the bushes and through a gap in the trees that only he saw. Next, he had a mobile TV truck lowered to ground level to get his third into the fairway. But his wedge came up short, and he made bogey.

Two more bogeys later, he was five shots behind and out of the mix.

"I just got really frustrated and just couldn't muster the energy to try and get something going again," McIlroy said.

Kinsler, Martinez HRs help Tigers beat Indians, 6-4

DETROIT (AP)—Ian Kinsler hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the seventh inning as the Detroit Tigers reopened a 1 1/2-game American League Central lead by beating the Cleveland Indians 6-4 Sunday for a three-game sweep.

Kinsler's homer off Bryan Shaw (5-5), his first since Aug. 30, followed Rajai Davis' infield single and put the Tigers ahead 4-3.

Phil Coke (5-2) pitched a scoreless seventh for Detroit, which won for the sixth time in seven games and has its largest division lead since before play on Aug. 10.

Joe Nathan gave up his Carlos Santana's RBI double in the ninth before getting his 32nd save.

Orioles 3, Yankees 2

In Baltimore, Steve Pearce doubled in a ninth-inning run and scored the game-winner on a double by Kelly Johnson as the Orioles beat the Yankees to inch closer to the AL East title.

Any number of Orioles wins and Toronto losses totaling three will give Baltimore its first division title since 1997.

The winning rally came after Brian McCann hit a tiebreaking homer off Darren O'Day (5-1) in the top of the ninth.

Red Sox 8, Royals 4

In Kansas City, Missouri, Daniel Nava hit a grand slam and Xander Bogaerts added a three-run drive as Boston overcame a 4-0, third-inning deficit. Kansas City, which lost three of four to the last-place Red Sox, maintained a one-game lead over Seattle for the second AL wild card.

Jason Vargas (11-9) allowed five runs and four hits in 5 1-3 innings, while Joe Kelly gave up four runs and five hits in six innings.

Astros 6, Angels 1

In Anaheim, California, Dallas Keuchel (11-9) didn't allow a hit until Mike Trout's one-out single in the seventh as Houston ended the Angels' 10-game winning streak, one short of the team record set in 1964.

Keuchel (11-9) wound up giving up one run and three hits in seven innings.

Athletics 4, Mariners 0

In Seattle, Sam Fuld and Brandon Moss hit solo home runs, and Jon Lester (15-10) combined with three relievers on a seven-hitter to improve to 5-3 with the A's.

Oakland won consecutive games for the first time since Aug. 22-23 and opened a 1 1/2-game lead over Kansas City for the first AL wild card.

Rangers 10, Braves 3

In Arlington, Texas, Colby Lewis (10-13) allowed one run and five hits in seven innings and Luis Sardinas doubled his career total with four RBIs as Texas completed a three-game sweep — the Rangers' first sweep since April 21-23 in a three-game set at Oakland.

Atlanta completed a 2-7 trip and dropped four games behind Pittsburgh for the NL's second wild card with 13 games left. Mike Minor (6-11) lost his third consecutive September start, allowing five runs and eight hits while throwing 107 pitches in 4 2-3 innings.

Rays 6, Blue Jays 5

In Toronto, Yunel Escobar riled up the crowd with an exaggerated display after a home run in the eighth and Sean Rodriguez hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th.

A frequent target of boos in Toronto after being suspended by the Blue Jays for writing an anti-gay slur on his eye-black in 2012, Escobar homered off the facing of the fourth deck against Todd Redmond. Escobar drew more jeers by facing the crowd and making an elaborate safe sign as he crossed home plate.

Twins 6, White Sox 4

In Chicago, staked to an early 4-0 lead, rookie Trevor May (3-4) struck out a season-high 10 in six innings as Minnesota overcame Jose Abreu's 35th homer to end a four-game losing streak.

Trevor Plouffe and Jordan Schafer homered for the Twins.

Marlins 5, Phillies 4

In Philadelphia, Phillies closer Jonathan Papelbon made a lewd gesture to fans and was ejected after giving up four runs in the ninth inning during the Phillies' loss to the Miami Marlins.

Papelbon grabbed his crotch as he walked to the dugout and was ejected by crew chief Joe West. He jogged out of the dugout and got into a face-to-face argument with West, who grasped the pitcher's jersey to hold him off, and Papelbon then argued with first base umpire Marty Foster. Papelbon threw a cup of liquid on the field before leaving the dugout.

Dodgers 4, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Clayton Kershaw (19-3) allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings and struck out nine, taking over the big league lead in wins and lowering his majors-best ERA to 1.70. Los Angeles moved three games ahead of second-place San Francisco in the NL West.

Kenley Jansen pitched a perfect ninth for his 42nd save. Matt Kemp hit his 20th homer.

Nationals 3, Mets 0

In New York, Wilson Ramos hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the seventh off Jonathon Niese (8-11) as the Nationals won their ninth straight start with Jordan Zimmermann (11-5), who allowed six hits and a walk in 6 2-3 innings.

Washington reduced its magic number for winning a second division title in three years to four and eliminated the Mets from the division race.

Pirates 7, Cubs 3

In Pittsburgh, third baseman Josh Harrison started Pittsburgh's first triple play at home in 21 years and hit a tying two-run double in a six-run fifth against Jacob Turner (5-10).

Chicago led 3-0 and put runners on first and second in the fourth when Matt Szczur grounded to third. Harrison began a around-the-horn 5-4-3 triple play, throwing to second baseman Neil Walker, who relayed to first baseman Andrew Lambo.

Cardinals 4, Rockies 1

In St. Louis, rookie Marco Gonzales (3-2) struck out nine batters in 5 2-3 innings and Jhonny Peralta homered as St. Louis remained 3 1/2 games ahead of second-place Pittsburgh in the NL Central.

Trevor Rosenthal struck out the side in the ninth for his NL-leading 44th save, giving St. Louis pitchers 16 strikeouts. Jordan Lyles (6-3) was the loser.

Brewers 9, Reds 2

In Milwaukee, Matt Clark hit a three-run homer in a five-run seventh inning, and Mark Reynolds added a solo shot in the eighth.

Matt Garza (8-8) allowed one run and four hits in six-plus innings to beat Mike Leake (11-12).

Hawks apologize for racially charged comments

ATLANTA (AP)—The Atlanta Hawks released an open letter of apology to fans and city of Atlanta on Saturday, saying the organization "did not do the right thing" to correct racially inflammatory words and innuendos "over a period of years."

The apology, signed by CEO Steve Koonin, was released one day after the team announced general manager Danny Ferry was taking an indefinite leave of absence following his racially charged comments about Luol Deng.

Last Sunday, co-owner Bruce Levenson announced he'd sell his controlling share of the team following the release of his racially inflammatory comments in an email to Ferry and the team's other owners.

"We are very sorry," Koonin said in the letter.

"Over the course of the last week, the Hawks have let down our players, our employees, our fans and the city we love. Our shortcomings have been broadly shared - including how we have failed to operate well internally and externally. It has been humbling and, while we have read, seen and come to know many things about ourselves, our learnings have just begun."

AP

In this April 14, 2014, file photo, Steve Koonin, speaks after being introduced as the new CEO for the Atlanta Hawks NBA basketball team at a press conference in Atlanta.

Ferry described Deng, who is from South Sudan, in a conference call with the Hawks' ownership group as someone who "has a little African in him."

"He's like a guy who would have a nice store out front and sell you counterfeit stuff out of the back," said Ferry during the June call, which was recorded.

An internal investigation into Ferry's comments uncovered an email sent two years ago by Levenson, who theorized that "the black crowd scared away the whites and there are simply not enough affluent black fans to build a significant season ticket base."

Koonin said the Hawks' failures were not limited to Ferry's comments or Levenson's email.

"We know enough today, based on investigations conducted by the league, by external legal counsel on behalf of the team, and information that has appeared in the media, that our shortcomings are beyond a single email, a single person or a single event," Koonin said. "To the contrary, over a period of years, we have found that there have been inflammatory words, phrases, inferences, and innuendos about race. We as an organization did not correct these failures. We did not do the right thing."

Koonin said the Hawks "must own these shortcomings and failures."

"To be clear, I am angry that this has happened," he said. "I am deeply saddened and embarrassed that this has put a blemish on our team and our city, which has always been a diverse community with a history of coming together as one. We should build bridges through basketball, not divide our community and serve as a source of pain.

"I am committed to seeing the Hawks change because of these past shortcomings. It starts by taking a hard look at ourselves, which in this case has been a particularly difficult thing to do."

Koonin said the team will work with a diversity consultant and hire a chief diversity officer.

On Wednesday, Koonin cancelled a scheduled meeting with civil rights leaders, and the leaders said they were offended.

Koonin said in the letter the team also will reach out to community leaders "not just now, but in an ongoing way to ensure that our values reflect, in the broadest sense, the community in which we play and work."

USA

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was too good to be touched.

"Obviously we didn't have a very close game all tournament, but for that to happen we had to play hard for 40 minutes and not relax and not give any inch while we were out there," guard Stephen Curry said.

The Americans came in winning by 32.5 points per game and their closest victory in the tournament was by 21 points over Turkey. They thought they would get a tough game Sunday, but were simply too good to let that happen.

They finished at 58 percent from the field. They made 15 of 30 3-point attempts and had eight of their 12 players score in double figures.

"I think the results were dominant, but we had spurts of dominance in a lot of games," U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "And we had tough games and then all of a sudden we'd have a spurt and it looked like we dominated. Tonight we had like about a 35-minute spurt."

The Americans were supposed to have All-Star forwards Durant, Kevin Love and Blake Griffin, who all informed USA Basketball not long before the tournament that they would be unavailable.

But Irving and Harden stuck around, and despite sending the youngest U.S. team since NBA players debuted in 1992, the Americans remained as dominant as ever.

They have won 63 straight games - 45 in official FIBA events and 18 in exhibition play—and are automatically qualified for the 2016 Olympics in Brazil.

LeBron James, Durant, Carmelo Anthony and Chris Paul might want to return for that competition. But the Americans will have to leave room for some players from this team, which has loads of young talent that figures to get even better from the time it spent together.

It was the fifth world title for the Americans, tying Yugoslavia for the most all-time. And the second for Derrick Rose, who used this tournament as his return after missing most of the last two seasons following a pair of knee surgeries, along with Curry and Rudy Gay.

It was the first medal for Serbia, which had been a part of Yugoslavia when it won five. The Yugoslavians had been the last repeat champions, winning in 1998 and 2002.

The Serbians were only 2-3 in the group stage but then routed previously unbeaten Greece and Brazil before building a big lead and holding on for a 90-85 semifinal victory over France, which had beat them in the group stage and knocked out tournament co-favorite Spain in the quarters.

Serbia carried that momentum into the early moments of this one. Using a fluid offense that produced layups and dunks, Serbia opened the biggest lead any team had against the U.S. in this tournament when Miroslav Raduljica's three-point play made it 15-7.

That was wiped out in a minute, and Serbia's hopes of winning didn't last much longer.

CNMI

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must be at least 35 years old and should be involved in his/her sports for at least 10 years. For coaches and administrators, age requirement is at least 45, while minimum involvement in sports is 15 years. Nominees must be a U.S. citizen or have achieved distinction as a CNMI representative and must have resided in the Commonwealth for at least 10 years.

Nomination should be made in writing and must include the following details: individual's name, age, and years in specific sport. Statistics and other proof of the individual's contribution to CNMI sports should also be detailed in the nomination documents.

For the class of 2015 and the succeeding years, the maximum number of inductees is three (for athletes and should be from different sports) and one each for the coach and administrator categories.

So far, the CNMI Hall of Fame has 18 members. The list includes Barnes, Jose Tenorio Sablan, Ricardo Duenas, Antonio Benavente, Jean and Bill Sakovich, Mike Villagomez, Jeff Race, Frank Castro, Tony Rogolifoi, Tony Satur, Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios, Cecilia Lisua, Bertha Chong, Mel Sakisat, Michael White, and the late Jess Wabol and Irene Alpet.

Deadline for submission of nomination papers is on Sept. 30. Documents can be dropped off at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium or emailed to Barnes at dr.kurtbarnes@rocketmail.com. For more information, contact Tony Rogolifoi or Elias Rangamar at 234-6674 or Dr. Barnes at 235-5853. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

DL CORP.

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San Antonio earned a sizable lead in the third canto and withstood Hite Jinro's late rally in the fourth to rule the nine-team league.

Kobe Mendoza turned things around for San Antonio in the third, leading a crucial 13-2 run midway in that canto. Before the rally, San Antonio was holding on to a 4-point cushion, 43-39. Mendoza scored 8 points in that spurt, including three straight baskets to lift San Antonio to a 56-41 advantage, while Hite Jinro was without a field goal for more than four minutes and got the 2 points from Kevin De Leon's free throws. A layup from Tristan Montes at the 2:09 mark of the third ended Hite Jinro's drought, but San Antonio still had a strong finish to preserve the double-digit spread, 65-49.

San Antonio went on to keep its safe distance against Hite Jinro in the first seven minutes of the fourth quarter, as the latter could not find the right combination, hit its outside shots, and launch a long rally to mount a major comeback. Hite Jinro's longest scoring run was at 8 points and it shot poorly from downtown with Zack Babauta missing at least five and Deleon and Chris Mizer muffing a couple more. Hite Jinro's frontliners also struggled against the small, but aggressive and quicker San Antonio players.

Despite having a tough night in the second half, Hite Jinro made one final effort to keep its title hopes alive, bringing the deficit down to single digits after Mizer canned a pair of charities, 68-77, 2:59 left on the clock. However, Hite Jinro committed turnovers in their next three possessions, while Prince Factor and Mike Arciaga countered with getaway layups to seal it for San Antonio.

Factor ended up top-scoring for San Antonio with his 18 points, while Mendoza drilled 17. Veteran Darwin Barbo also had double figures with his 12, while Jaymark De Guzman chipped in 12. De Guzman also hit a crucial basket that halted Hite Jinro's rally, as he beat Rolly Paraiso in the battle for the rebound after teammate Jack Aranda missed a corner jumper and went for a putback. Paraiso was also called for a foul and later drew a technical for too much complaining. De Guzman missed the bonus charity and the two technical free throws, too, but San Antonio regained possession and got two charities from Arciaga in the ensuing play for a 77-63 advantage, going into the last four minutes of the match.

The finals win was redemption for San Antonio, which was unbeaten in the elimination of Season 3 only to lose in the semifinals against TBK Mechanics.

Meanwhile, deposed champion Island Floral settled for the third place honors after routing Saipan Ice in the consolation game, 106-86,

Jerome Norita, who missed what could have been the game-winning trey in their semis game against Hite Jinro last Friday, poured it all in the third place battle as he sizzled for 34 points. Derrick Aguon added 24, making up for his 2-point production in their 75-77 loss to Hite. Jun Tabora also stepped up in their last game of the season, contributing 21 markers.

Jack Lizma paced Saipan Ice with his 26 points, while Derrick Rangamar logged 23.

First Game

Island Floral 106 – Norita 34, Aguon 24, Tabora 21, Bisana 12, Tobias 6, Diaz 6.

Saipan Ice 80 – Lizama 26, Rangamar 23, Kaipat 10, Pena 9, R. Saralu 6.

Scoring by quarters: 30-13, 50-44, 78-68, 106-80.

Second Game

San Antonio 85 – Factor 18, Mendoza 17, Barbo 13, De Guzman 12, Espinosa 9, Arciaga 6, Aranda 2, Feria 2.

Hite Jinro 70 – Mizer 18, Paraiso 14, De Leon 9, Lampkin 8, Montes 7, Lauron 3, Tenorio 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-15, 36-28, 65-39, 85-70.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	89	60	.597	—
Toronto	77	71	.520	11½
New York	76	72	.514	12½
Tampa Bay	72	78	.480	17½
Boston	66	84	.440	23½

Central Division

Detroit	83	66	.557	—
Kansas City	81	67	.547	1½
Cleveland	76	72	.514	6½
Chicago	68	81	.456	15
Minnesota	63	86	.423	20

West Division

Los Angeles	93	56	.624	—
Oakland	83	66	.557	10
Seattle	80	68	.541	12½
Houston	66	83	.443	27
Texas	57	92	.383	36

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	85	63	.574	—
Atlanta	75	74	.503	10½
Miami	72	76	.486	13
New York	72	78	.480	14
Philadelphia	69	80	.463	16½

Central Division

St. Louis	83	67	.553	—
Pittsburgh	79	70	.530	3½
Milwaukee	78	72	.520	5
Cincinnati	71	79	.473	12
Chicago	65	84	.436	17½

West Division

Los Angeles	85	64	.570	—
San Francisco		82	67	.5503
San Diego	68	80	.459	16½
Arizona	61	88	.409	24
Colorado	59	90	.396	26

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	52	30
Miami	1	1	0	.500	43	49
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	43	45
New England	1	1	0	.500	50	40

South

Houston	2	0	0	1.000	47	20
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	36	36
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	24	31
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	27	75

North

Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	47	26
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	42	29
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	36	53
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	53	54

West

Denver	2	0	0	1.000	55	41
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	47	39
Oakland	0	2	0	.000	28	49
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	27	50

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	34	17
Washington	1	1	0	.500	47	27
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	43	38
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	28	60

South

Carolina	2	0	0	1.000	44	21
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	47	58
New Orleans	0	2	0	.000	58	63
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	31	39

North

Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	41	36
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	48	43
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	42	38
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	47	60

West

Arizona	2	0	0	1.000	43	31
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	57	46
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	48	45
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	25	51

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Dough Boys, KFC dominate foes

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Two more teams had winning debuts in the opening week of the 2014 BANMI Youth League.

Dough Boys and Kentucky Fried Chicken barged into the win column early after prevailing in their U18 and U21 matches, respectively, last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Dough Boys cruised to a 56-41 victory against the CNMI Girls Nationals in the U18 division game, while KFC topped Laly 4, 54-43, in the U21 pairing.

KFC held Laly 4 to single digits in scoring in the second and third quarters to take control of the match en route to an impressive debut. KFC was ahead by only 6 after the first period, 18-12, when it more than doubled Laly 4's output in the second canto to bring a baker's dozen lead at the break, 31-18. Seven different players lit up the board for KFC in the second frame, while only two scored for Laly 4.

Laly 4 continued to bleed for points in the third period, while KFC struggled a bit, but still outgunned the former, 11-8, to stretch the advantage to 16, 42-26, entering the final quarter.

In the payoff canto, Laly 4 converted a couple of triples, but these were not enough to bring the team back into the game, as KFC countered with timely baskets to preserve the safe lead. June Alipio drilled 6 of his 8 points in the fourth frame to help KFC keep its distance against Laly 4. Alipio and four other KFC players scored at least 6 points apiece for the team's balance offense.

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Rollers' Prince Factor tries to get away from the defense of two Kagman Sparks players during the third quarter of their U21 game in the BANMI youth league yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Laly 4 relied heavily on Derek Olopai, who logged a game-high 18 points. Sylvester Kapileo was the second best scorer for Laly 4 with 6.

In the first game, Mii Tekopua unloaded 20 points to power Dough Boys to the 15-point win over the CNMI Girls Nationals.

Tekopua drained all but 2 of Dough Boys' 10 points in the first period and added 6 more in the second, as his team turned a 10-6 lead to a 25-16 advantage at the half. He went cold in the third period, making only 2 points, but Chico Bondoc stepped up, firing 8 to increase Dough Boys' lead to 10, 39-29, going into the fourth and final quarter.

Other Dough Boys players found their targets in the fourth, preventing the CNMI Girls Nationals from making any headway. All eight Dough Boys players hit the board in their debut game.

CNMI Girls Nationals also fielded eight players in their first match this season with Rachel Abrams top-scoring for the squad with her 14 markers.

Meanwhile, the U21 division resumed action last night with the Rollers battling the Kagman Sparks, but results of the match were unavailable at press time and will be reported in *Saipan Tribune*'s Wednesday edition.

First Game

Dough Boys 56 – Tekopua 20, Bondoc 12, Raquero 6, Esmundo 6, Guerrero 3, Iba 2, Espinosa 2, Igroby 2.

CNMI Girls Nationals 41 – Abrams 14, Pagarao 8, Alegre 5, Travilla 4, Pena 4, Mendoza 4, Cruz 2.

Scoring by quarters: 10-6, 25-16, 39-29, 56-41.

Second Game

KFC 54 – Camacho 9, Cruz 8, Alipio 8, Pamintuan 6, Borromeo 6, Gunnacao 5, Muleta 4, Deocares 4, Feria 2.

Laly 4 43 – Olopai 18, S. Kapileo 6, B. Lisua 5, E. Lisua 4, J. Kapileo 4, Rogolifoi 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-12, 31-18, 42-26, 54-43.

South nips North in Inter-Hotel All-Star

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Team South used a third-quarter scoring run as enough cushion to eke out a 93-91 decision over Team North in the first All-Star Game in the 2014 Budweiser Inter-Hotel Basketball League held Friday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The South All-Stars, trailing by a basket at the half, 40-42, outscored their Northern counterparts in the third to enter the final canto enjoying a 63-56 advantage.

Kanoa Resort's Matt Duenas and Dennis Vinas of Saipan World Resort combined for 16 of the 23 points made by Team South in the third period.

The Southern All-Stars just weathered every rally made by Team North to complete the win.

James Abuy of Pacific Islands Club scattered 23 points to lead the Noel Verder-coached South squad's scoring while Duenas contributed 21 markers.

The World Resort duo of Vinas and Jomar Danas chipped in 18 and 17 points each also for the Southern crew.

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Saipan World Resort's Eugene Manglona made his presence felt defensively to help Team South beat their Northern counterparts in the first All-Star Game of the 2014 Budweiser Inter-Hotel Basketball League.

Hyatt Regency Saipan's Sahj Hossein paced the Bobby Reyes-mentored Northern side with 23 points, while Fiesta Resort's DJay Ong and Shirley's-Century Hotel's John Jugos poured 20 and 17 markers apiece.

Gino Libuw and Keolani Rios, Hossein's teammates at Hyatt, added 16 and 13 points, respectively.

The 2014 Inter-Hotel season is set to end this week with PIC and Shirley's set to dispute the league crown. Organizers have yet to announce the final schedule of the one-game title match, which will be played either Thursday or Friday depending on the availability of both teams and the Ada Gym.

PIC and Shirley's arranged a knockout championship match after dispatching Fiesta and World Resort, respectively, last Tuesday.

PIC, which finished second to Fiesta after the elimination round, waltzed to an 89-55 victory, while Shirley's relied on the timely baskets of John Jugos, Erick Dela Rosa and Rommel Usi in the second half in completing a 72-65 upset of World Resort.

South 93 – Abuy 23, Duenas 21, Vinas 18, Danas 17, Lewis 8, Litulumar 4, Manglona 2.

North 91 – Hussein 23, Ong 20, Jugos 17, Libuw 16, Rios 13, Rosokow 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-19, 40-42, 63-56, 93-91.

Hustler catches 8 Ball on top of billiards league

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The Route 33 Armatech Hustler scored a 12-13 thrashing of lowly Jhnooy's Team SCS to join Smoke Pub Magic 8 Ball on top of the Thursday League standings.

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The Route 33 Armatech Hustler completed a 12-3 demolition of Jhonny's Team SCS to join Smoke Pub Magic 8 Ball on top of the 2014 Budweiser Open 8-Ball Thursday League.

Team SCS kept the game close after the first five singles matches and two doubles pairings as they were only trailing by 1, 4-3, with the second five-game series in the singles event about to start.

But one by one the Jhonny's crew lost to their Armatech opponents dropping all five games to wrap up the contest.

The final three doubles matches, which was still played since each win will reflect on the standings, also failed to help Team SCS' bid to climb out of the cellar in the eight-team field.

The Hustler has already compiled a 37-23 won-loss record to join Smoke Pub Magic 8 Ball on top, while Jhonny's dropped to 16-41.

In other results, the Magic 8 Ball squeezed out an 8-7 decision over the Barcode Breakers; the Jokers Homeboyz drubbed National Alamo Car Rental, 11-4; while Wild Bill's trounced the Poseidon Titans, 12-3.

The Homeboyz are two wins behind the leaders at 35-25, while Wild Bill's and the Titans are at fourth and fifth spots with 32-28 and 30-30 records, respectively, while the Barcode Breakers (27-33) and National Alamo Car Rental (26-34) are at sixth and seventh.

In the Tuesday League, the Jokers IT&E Voyagers coasted to a 12-3 win over the Smoke Pub Sang&D'Gang to remain on top with a 43-17 mark, while their opponents dropped to 17-43 at fifth place.

The Saipan TV Hustler is in second place with a 41-19 slate after scoring a 14-1 thrashing over the Smoke Pub Lanchera Girls.

The Jokers Str8 Shooters clipped Jhonny's Crazy 8, 10-5, to stay in title contention with a 40-20 card. The Crazy 8 are at fifth with a 27-33 record.

Gates' 3 TD catches carry Chargers to 30-21 upset

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AP
The United States' players stand on the podium after winning against Serbia in the final World Basketball match between the United States and Serbia at the Palacio de los Deportes stadium in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014.

USA wins basketball worlds over Serbia

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MADRID (AP)—With golden confetti raining on their heads and "Party in the U.S.A" ringing in their ears, it must have been hard for the U.S. basketball players to hear anything.

Doesn't matter. They had stopped listening long ago.

All the questions about their talent, the doubts about their ability, were put down as easily as their opponents.

"It kind of was, again, a smack to our face, saying the U.S. was sending the B-team to go play in the World Cup," forward Kenneth Faried said. "Just because LeBron's not here, Kobe's not here, (Kevin) Durant's not here, doesn't mean anything. We can step up and win the gold, too. That's what we did tonight."

And just like every other game, the Americans did it easily.

Tournament MVP Kyrie Irving made all six of his 3-point attempts and scored 26 points, and the U.S. repeated as world champion for the first time by crushing Serbia 129-92 on Sunday in the Basketball World Cup.

James Harden added 23 points for the Americans, who made 11 of 16 3-pointers in a sensational-shooting first half, adding one final romp to a tournament full of them.

This depleted team that was supposedly weak enough to lose

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San Antonio rules DL Corp. caging

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San Antonio clinched the championship in the DL Corp Invitational Basketball League Season 4 after a convincing 85-70 win over Hite Jinro last Sunday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
San Antonio's Mike Arciaga loses his balance as he drives and rams into the defense of Hite Jinro's Jason Lampkin during the fourth quarter of their title game in the DL Corp. caging last Sunday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Open nomination for CNMI Sports Hall of Fame

The Northern Marianas Sports Association's special committee for the Sports Hall of Fame clarified that any individual or group can nominate a candidate for the CNMI Sports Hall of Fame.

"A sports federation need not nominate a candidate for the Sports Hall of Fame, though they can if they wish. However, a nominee must be in a sport whose federation is in good standing and a member of the Northern Marianas Sports Association," committee head Kurt Barnes said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

It was earlier reported that only federations can nominate individuals, who if voted by NMSA members later this year, would be inducted to the 2015 class of the elite group.

NMSA is seeking nominees who must be athletes, coach, official, or sports administrator. Athletes and officials

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Members of the CNMI Sports Hall of Fame are recognized during the 2013 NMASA Sports Banquet at Kanoa Resort. Nomination for the CNMI Sports Hall of Fame, Class 2014 is still open.